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PREFACE.

THE plan of publication in this volume is the same as that in Part I, which appeared in September, 1892, viz.:—to collect and arrange the letters in the K. Collection according to the names of the scribes. As in Part I, it has been my aim to publish all the letters in the K. Collection—up to 8,000—belonging to the scribes selected for this volume. If any have been omitted, they will be inserted in another part.

It will be seen, at a glance, that the scribes of Part II have left us fewer letters than those of Part I. In fact, in the case of many of them, all that remains of their correspondence is comprised in a single letter. In the classification of such scribes, no special order has been followed.

As already announced in the *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*, it is my purpose also (1) to publish the letters, with signatures, from Kouyunjik contained in the other Collections of the British Museum, and (2) the best of those the signatures of which have been broken off. The plan of publication will be the same as that adopted in Parts I and II of the present work, in which the names of the correspondents have furnished the basis of classification. My reasons for regarding this as the only scientific method have already been given (*cf.* Part I, page VI). As a first instalment I have published an article in

the *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*, VIII, 341, *sqq.*, on *The Letters of the R*^m *2 Collection of the British Museum.* I have there given the numbers of the letter-tablets of the Collection, and the text of fourteen, viz., Rm. 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 458, 459, 462, 463, and 464. From time to time there will be published in BEZOLD'S *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* and HARPER'S *Hebraica* letters from the different Collections of the British Museum, with the exception of those in the K. Collection, which are appearing in book-form. The letters found in these Journals will be inserted, at a later date, in their proper places, in the proposed Series.

The letters of Bel-ibni (Nos. 13, 524, 597, 599, 680, 1926, 1964, 5062, 5398, etc.), Kudurru (Nos. 81, 82, 154, 1066, 1899, 6946, etc.), Nabû-ibašši (Nos. 79, 462, 514, 528, 1089, 1220, 4716, 4736, etc.), and others were prepared for this volume, but, for several reasons, they have been reserved for Part III, and others have taken their place.

I wish again to emphasize the fact that few restorations have been attempted. I have preferred to print the texts as they are found on the tablets. Restorations and textual notes will find a place in the Commentary, within the province of which they more naturally fall. The chief exception to this rule is in the introductions, the broken parts of which have generally been restored.

After I had completed this volume, 108 of the 112 pages of text being in print, WINCKLER'S *Sammlung von Keilschrifttexten*, II, *Texte verschiedenen Inhalts* (40 pp.), appeared, in which seven of the texts here published are repeated. For all students who wish to do scientific work, the publication of "miscellaneous texts" ceased with the appearance of DR. BEZOLD'S Catalogue. There is no plan of arrangement in Winckler's book, and the texts, though not

poorly autographed, are in most cases very incorrectly copied. One cannot find any excuse for such a publication at the present time. *Cf.* the *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie,* VIII.

To DR. BEZOLD and MR. L. W. KING, for valuable suggestions, orally communicated, touching some of the letters contained in this second Part, I wish to make hearty acknowledgment.

In conclusion, I express my thanks to the authorities of the British Museum for the ready assistance granted me at all times, and particularly to DR. BUDGE, Acting Assistant Keeper of the Department, to whom I have the honor of dedicating this volume.

ROBERT FRANCIS HARPER.

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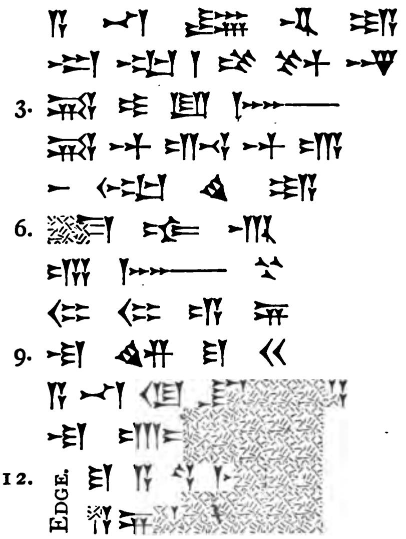

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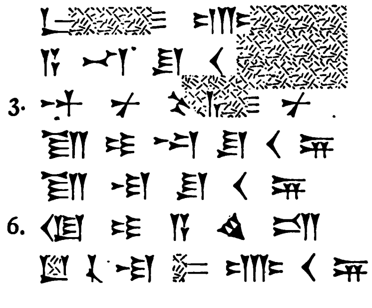

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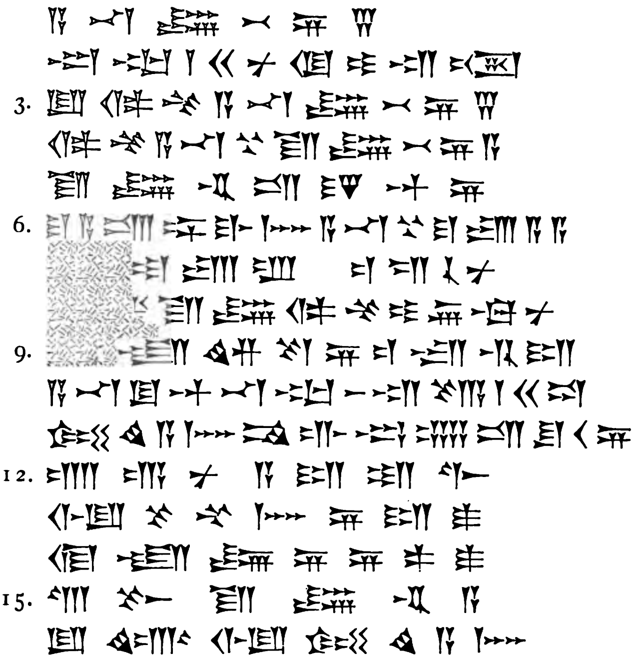

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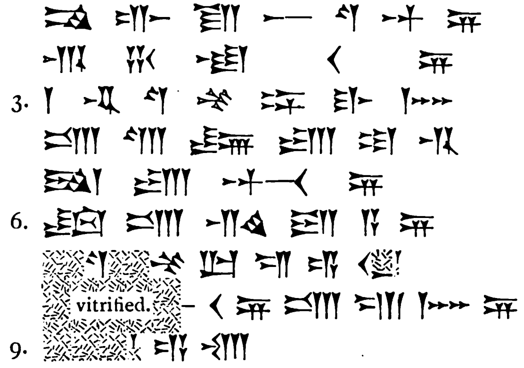

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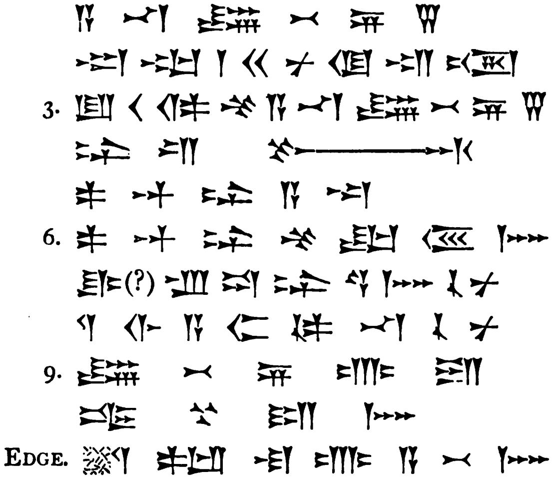

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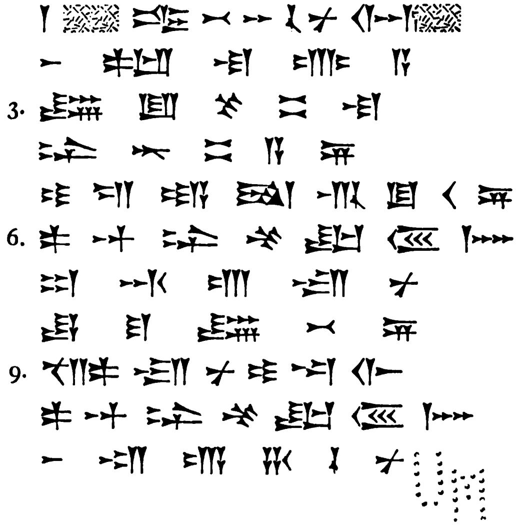

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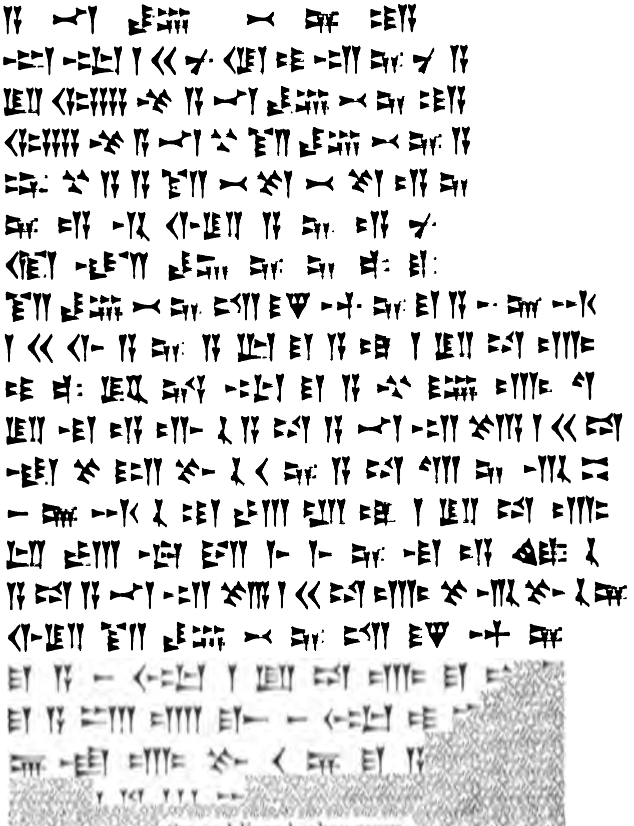

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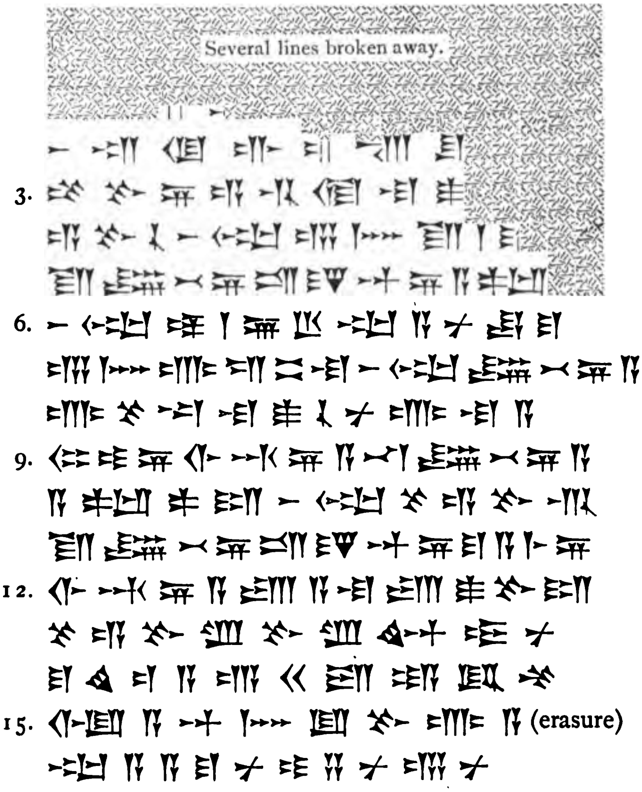

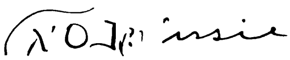

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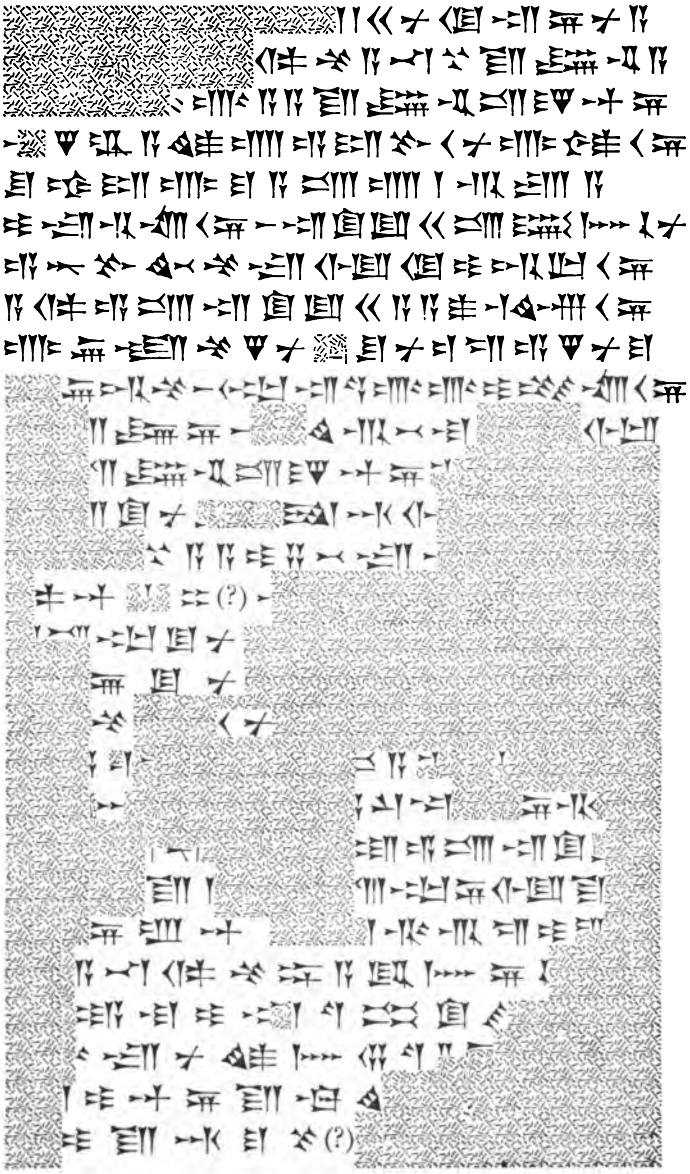

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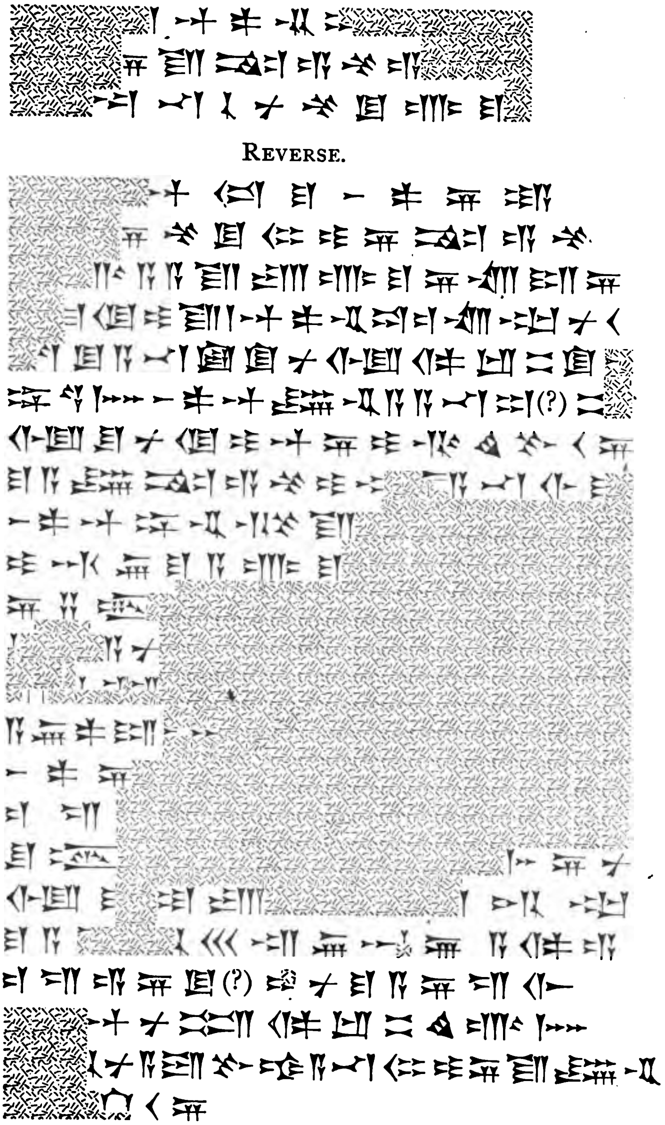

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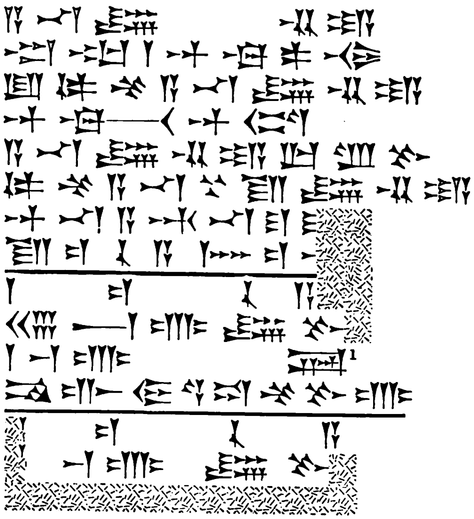

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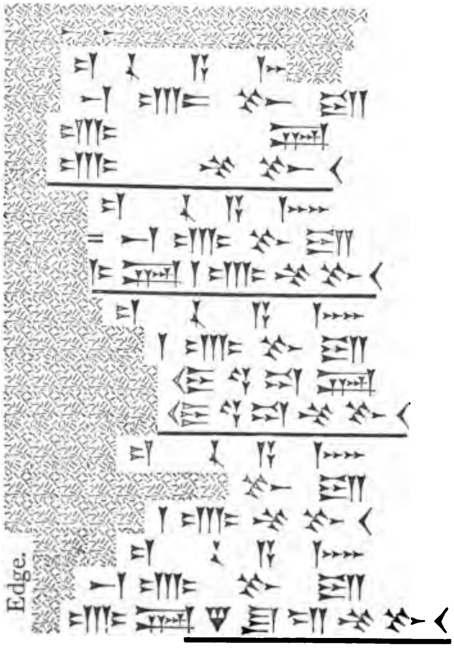

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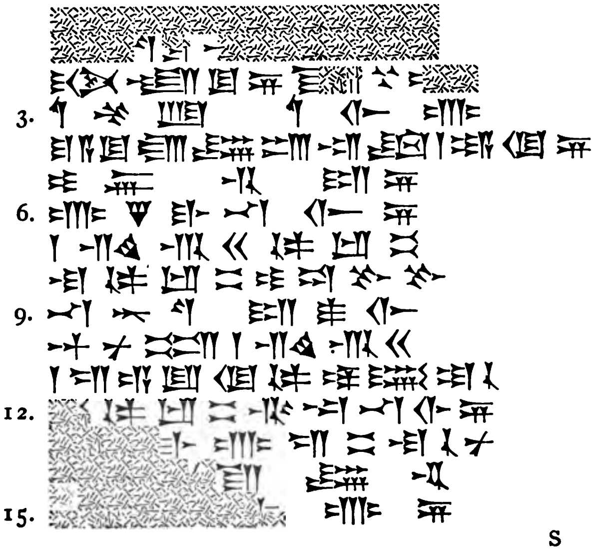

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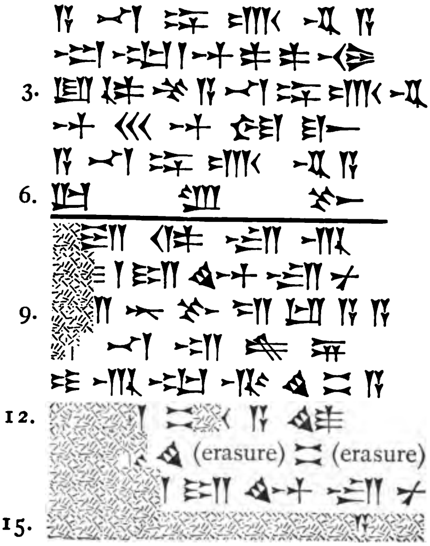

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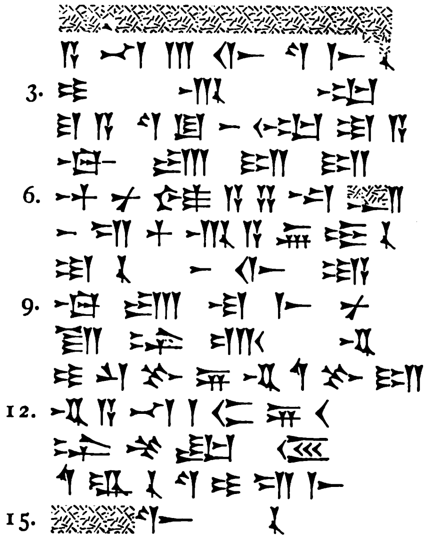

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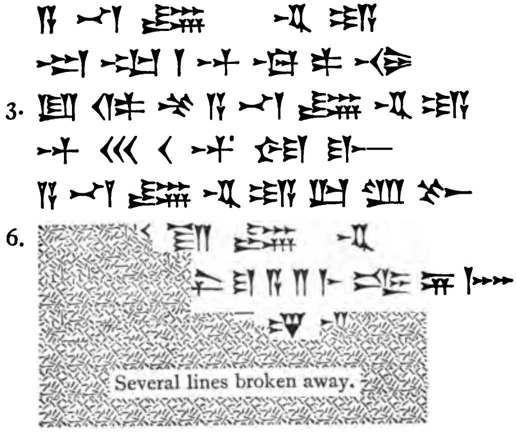

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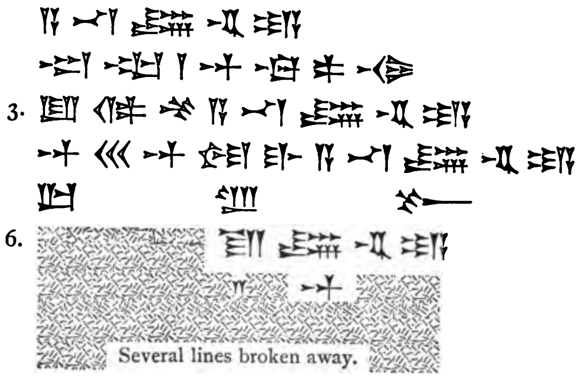

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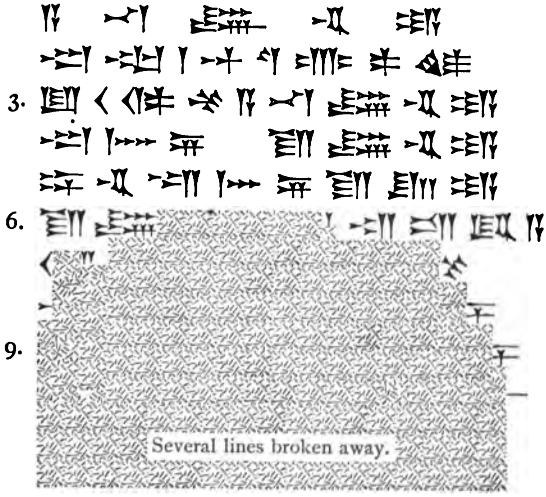

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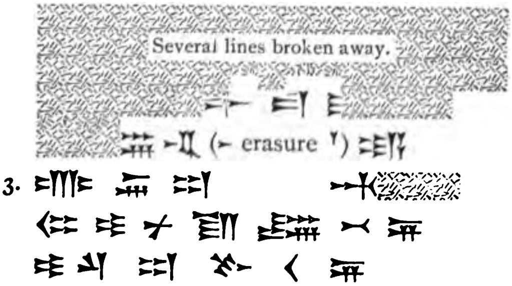

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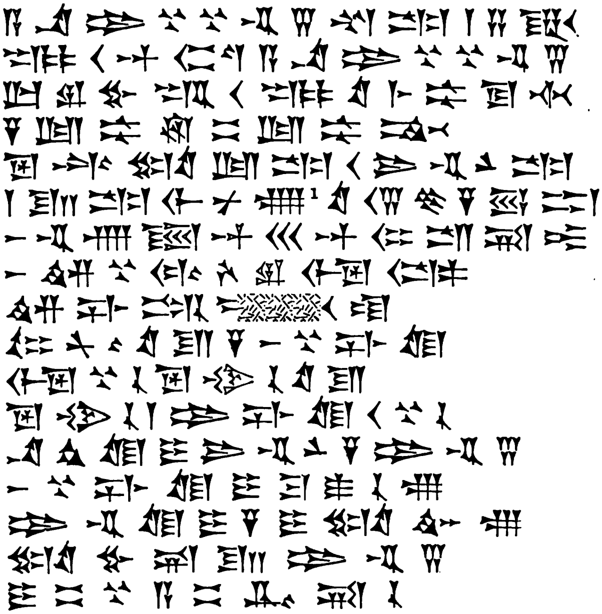

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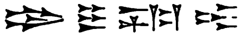

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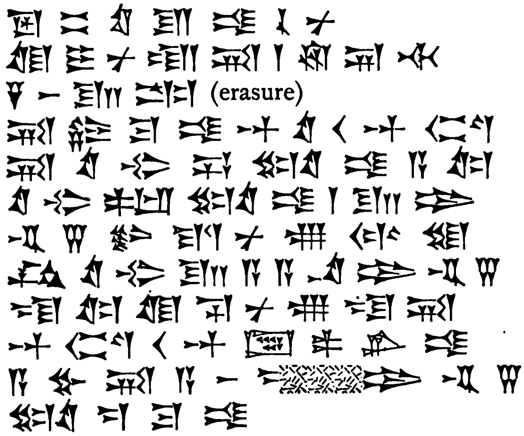

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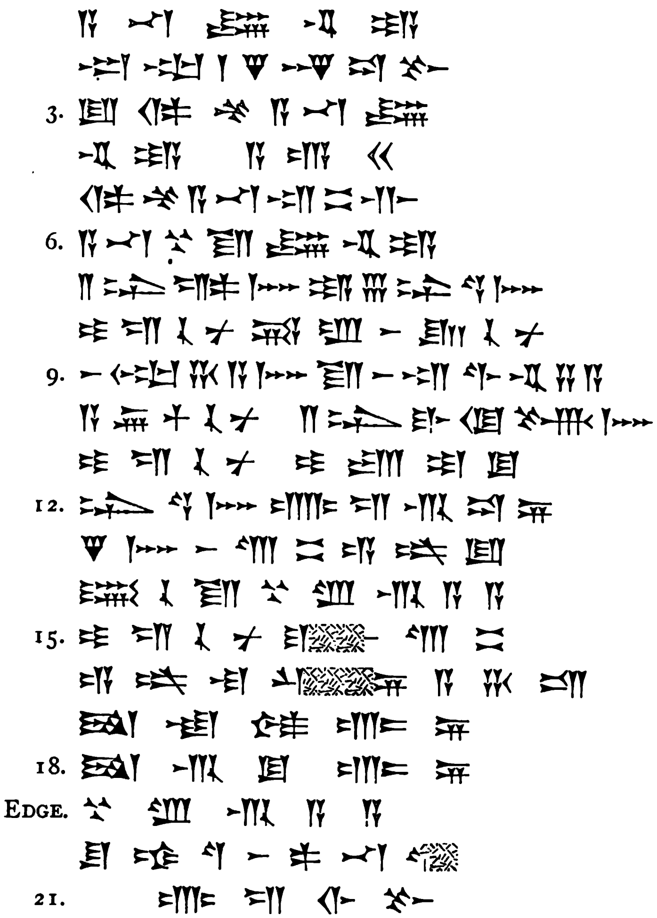

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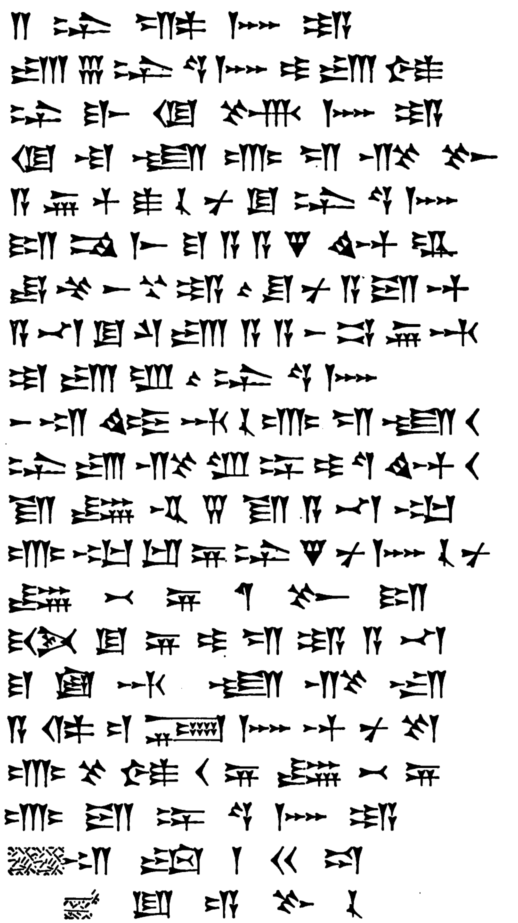

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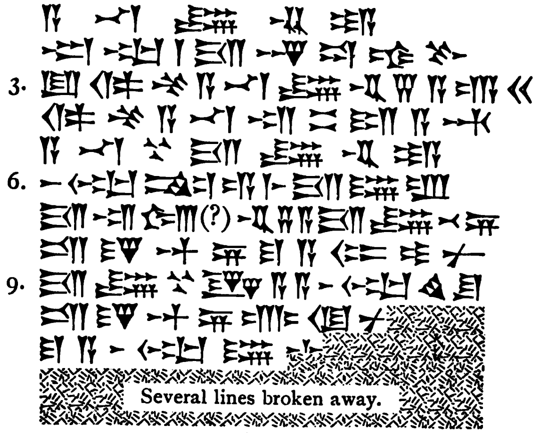

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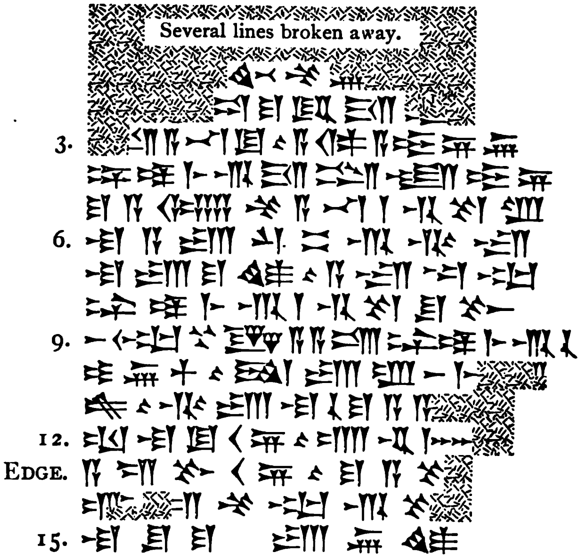

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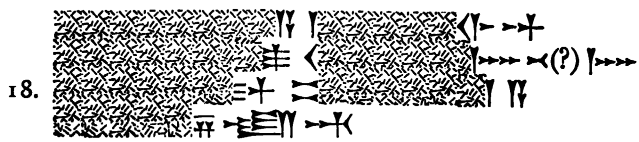

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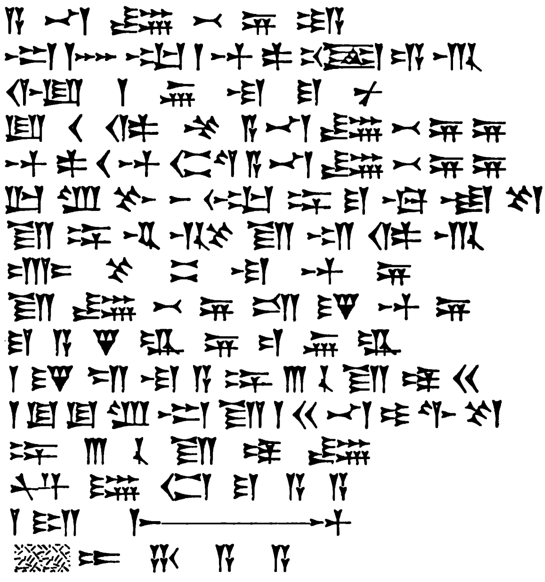

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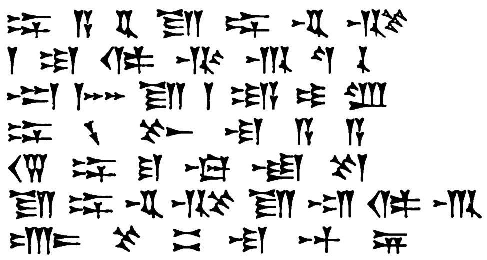

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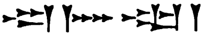
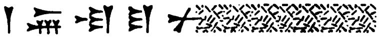
2.  (name broken off)
3. 

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[141.] K. 481.

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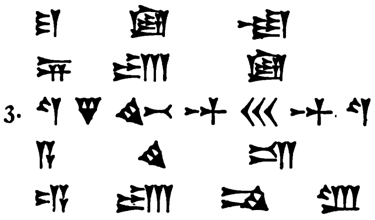

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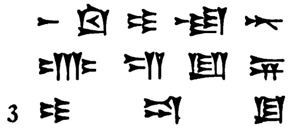

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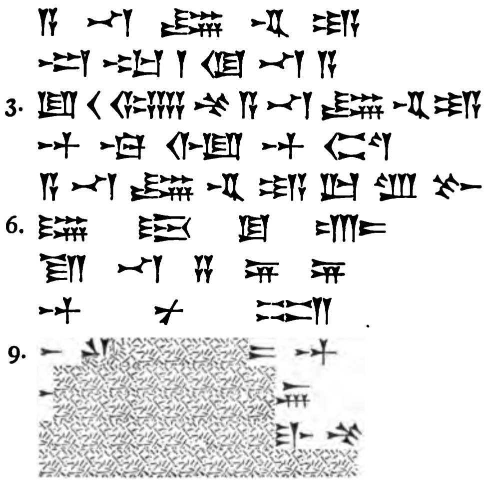

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Cf. also K. 4745—a small fragment, badly defaced.

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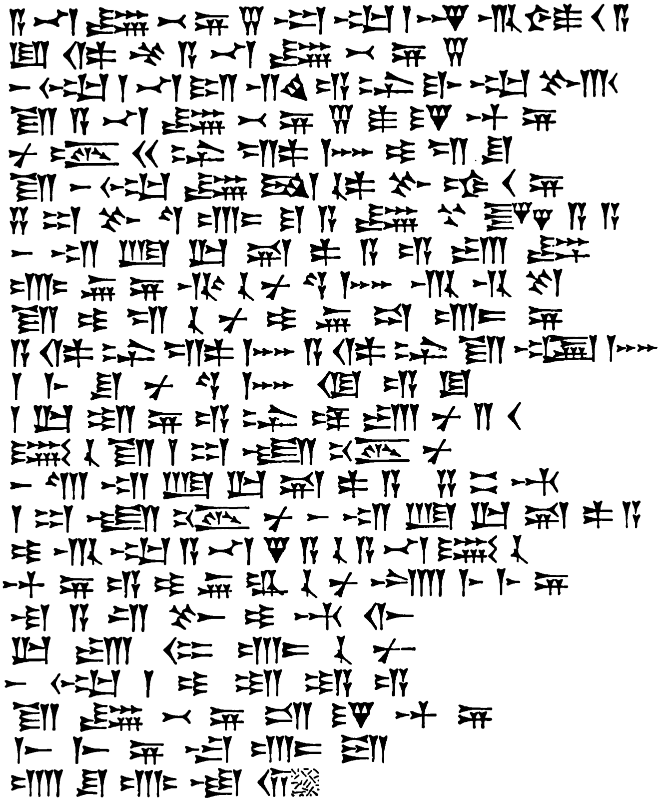

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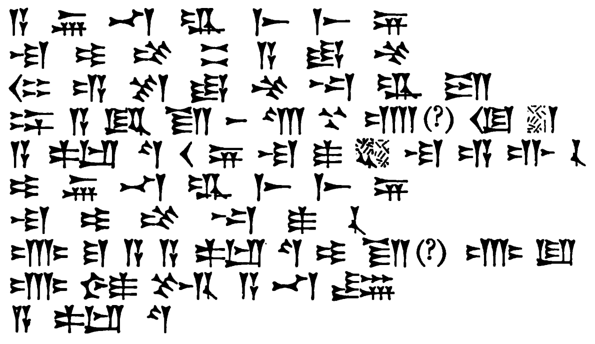

[145.] K. 910.

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[146.] K. 1080.

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[147.] K. 1170.

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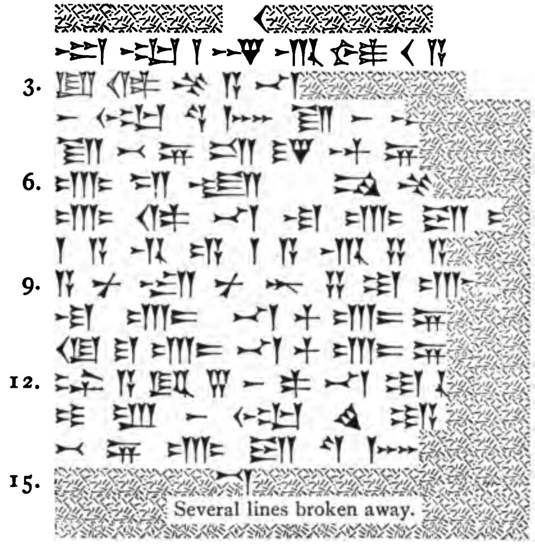

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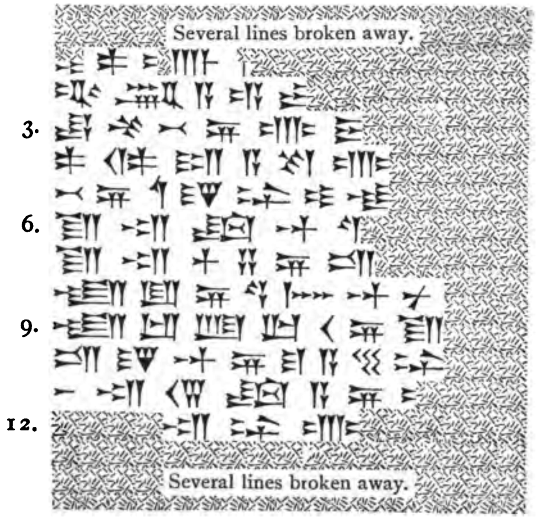

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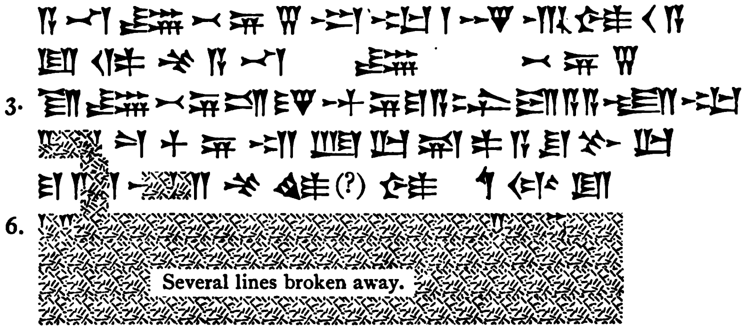

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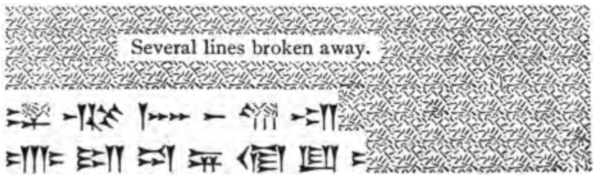

[149.] K. 540.

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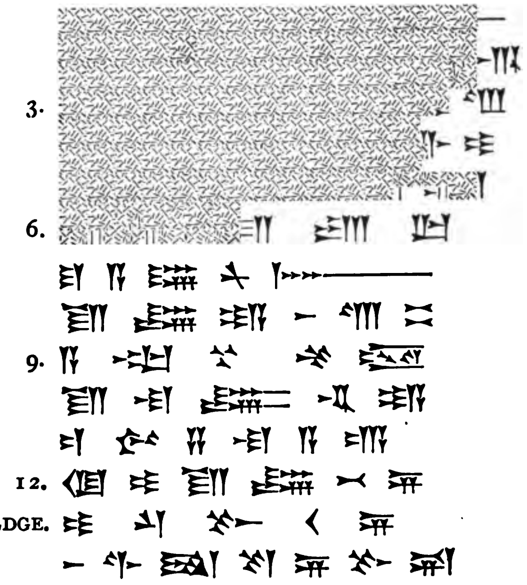

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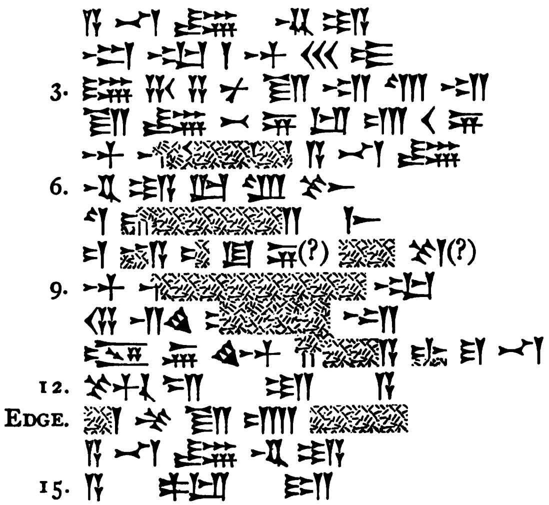

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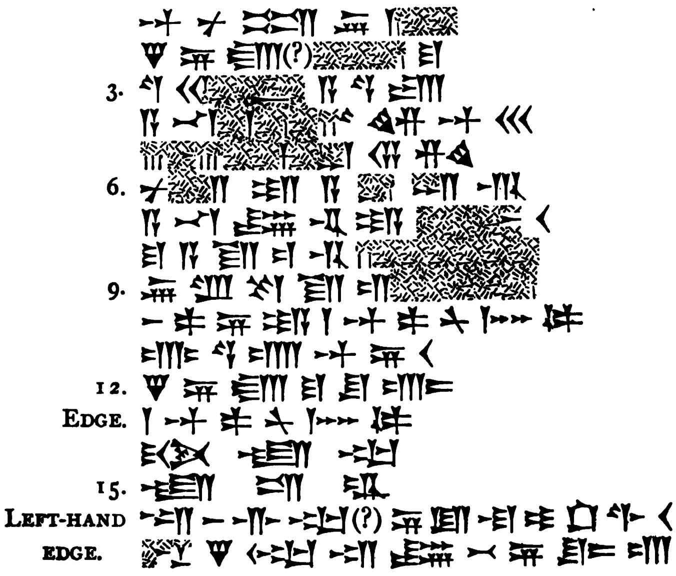

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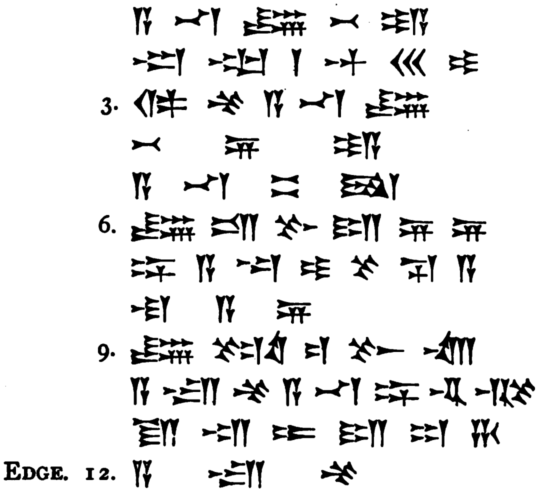

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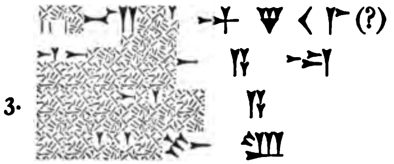

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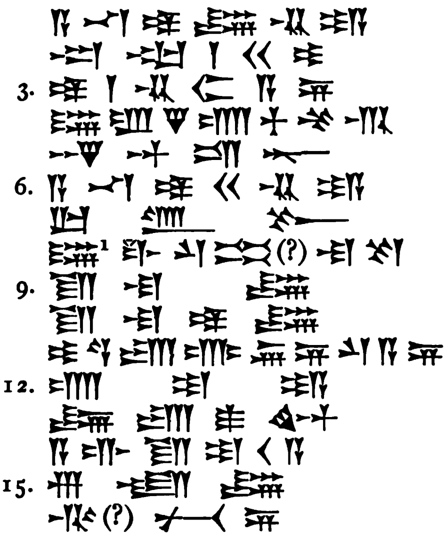

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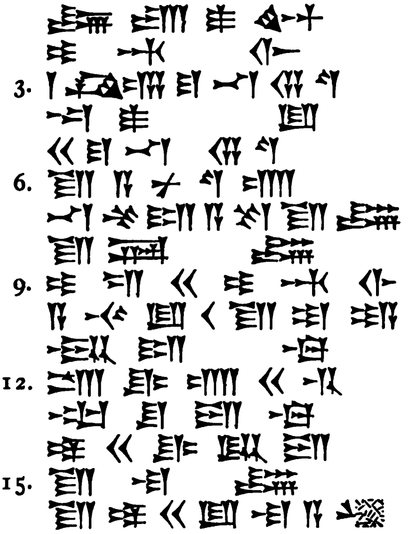

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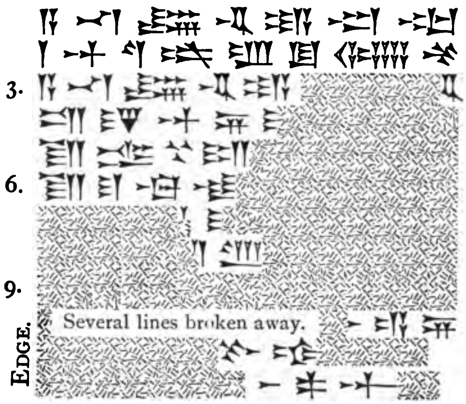

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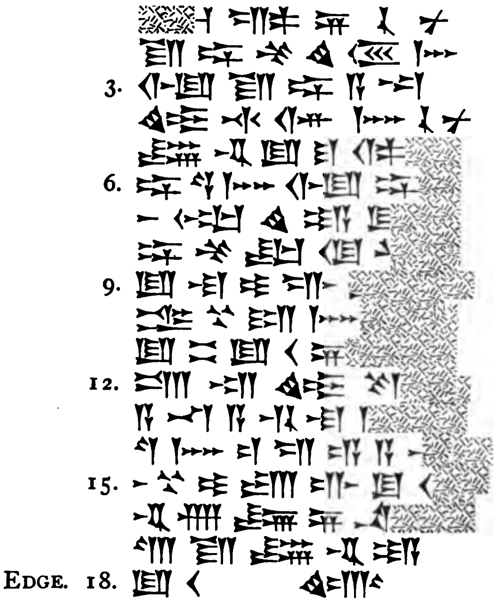

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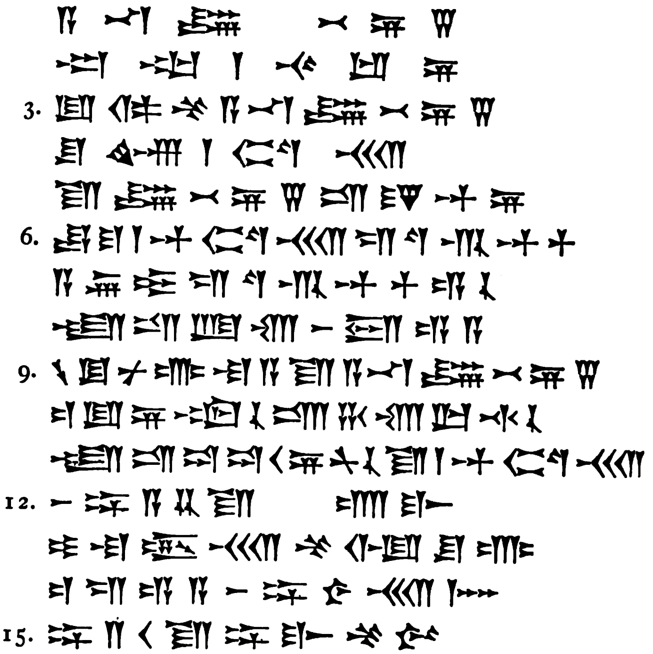

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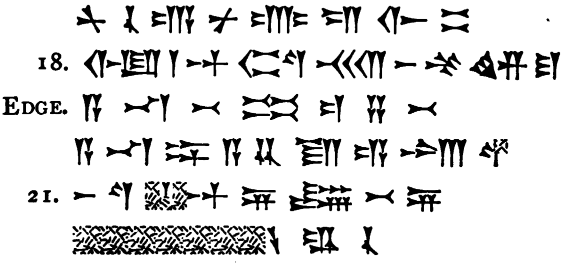
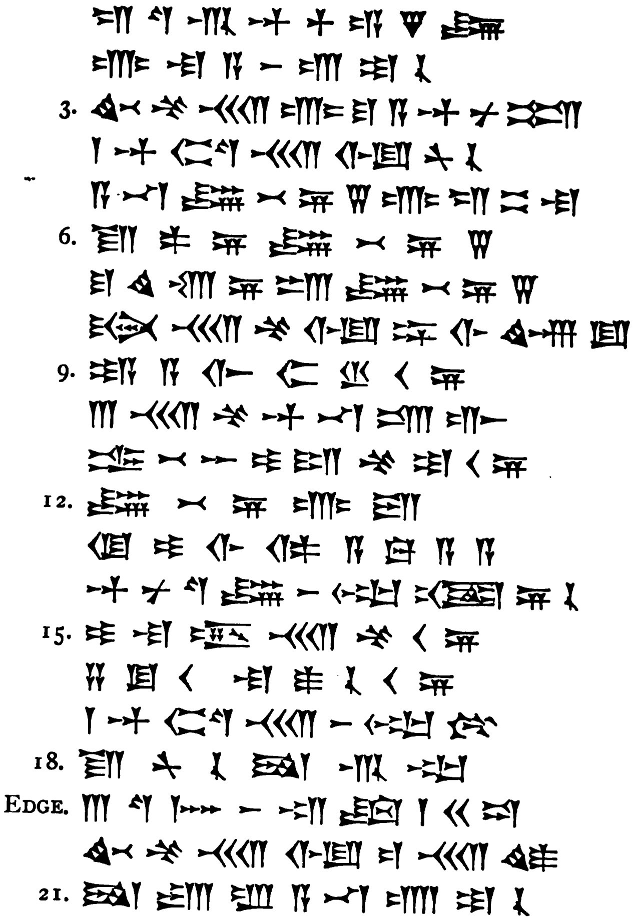


[154.] K. 653 (*continued*).

REVERSE.



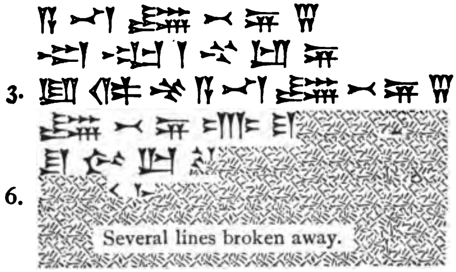
[155.] K. 1235.

Obverse.

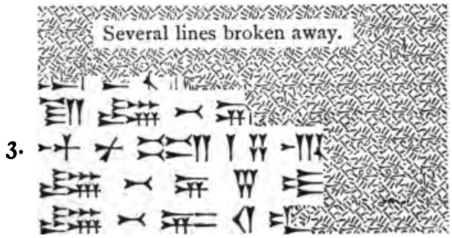
No Reverse.

[156.] K. 1270.

Obverse.

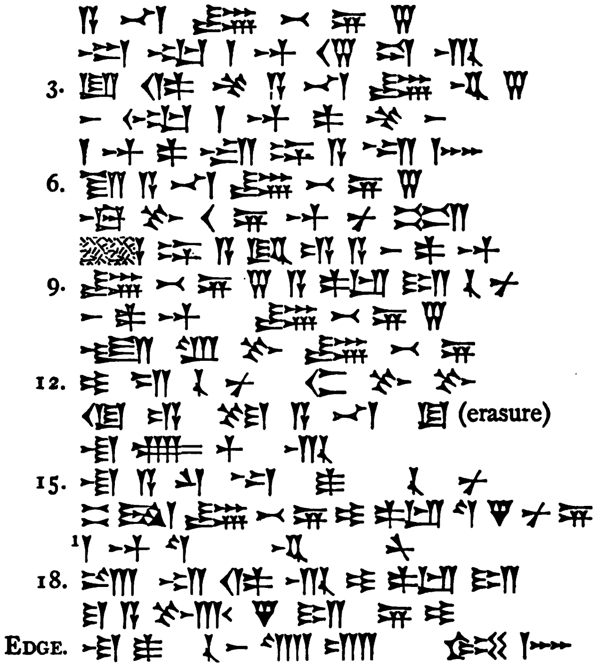


Reverse.



[157.] K. 504.

Obverse.

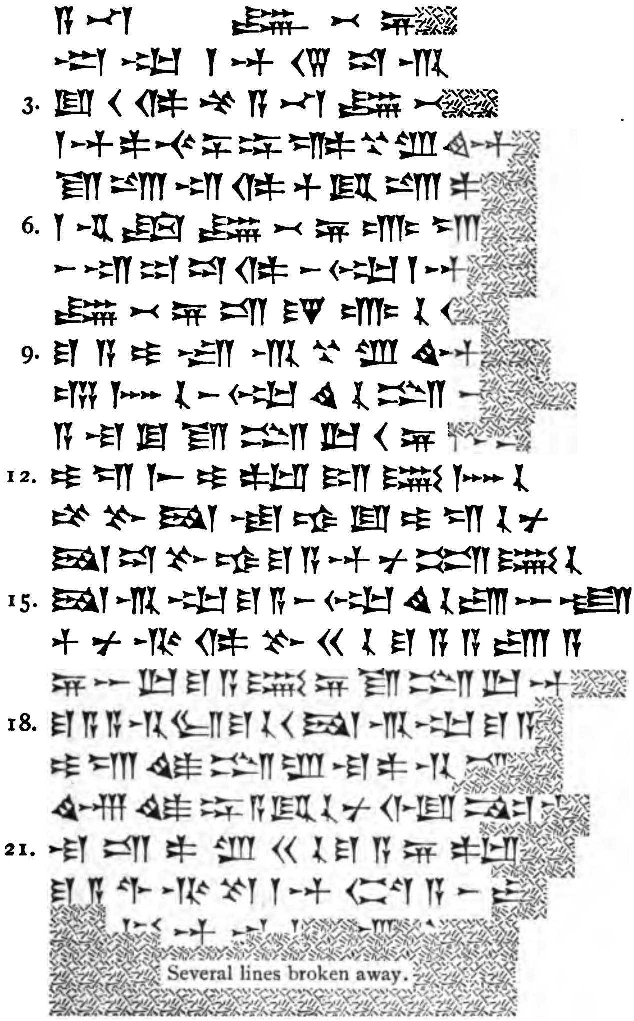


Reverse.

[1] Written over an erasure. [2] So on tablet.

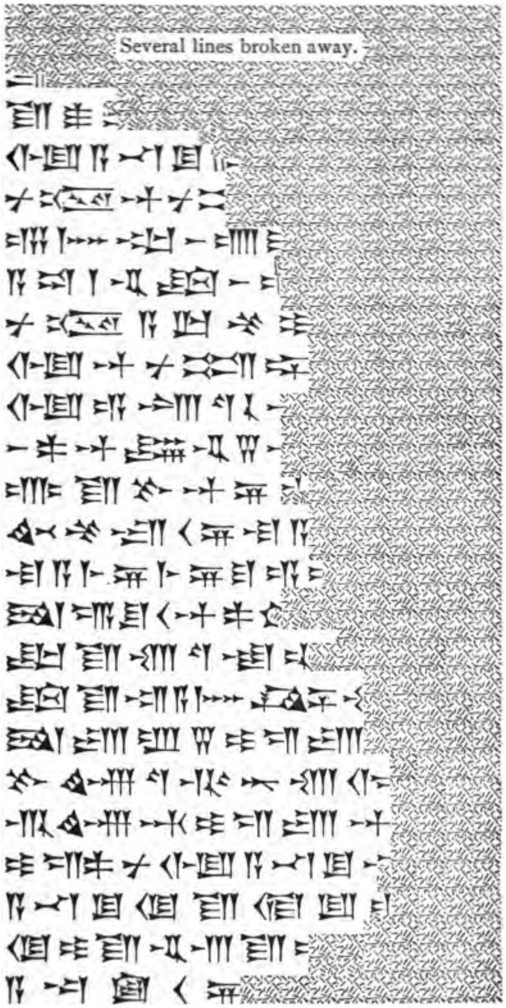
[158.] K. 530.

Obverse.



[158.] K. 530 (*continued*).

Reverse.



3.

6.

9.

12.

15.

18.

21.

Edge.

[159.] K. 1025.

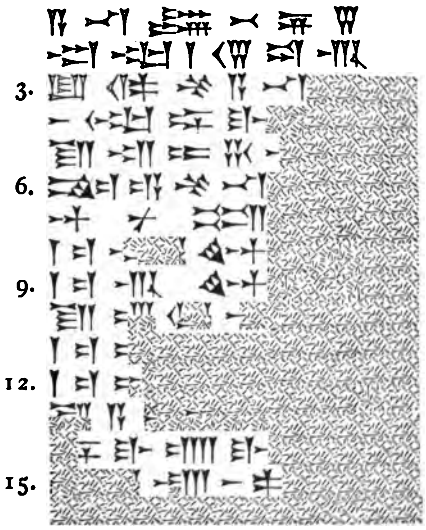
OBVERSE.

Several lines broken away.

NO REVERSE.

[160.] K. 1243.

OBVERSE.

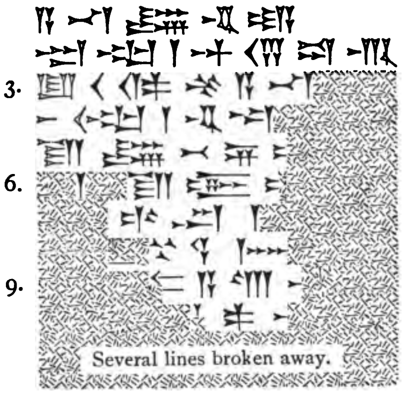


Several lines broken away.

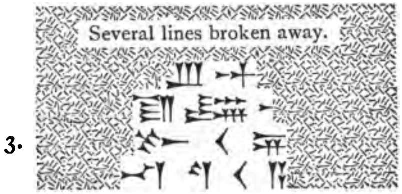
NO REVERSE.

[161.] K. 1267.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.



[162.] K. 1410.

OBVERSE.

NO REVERSE.

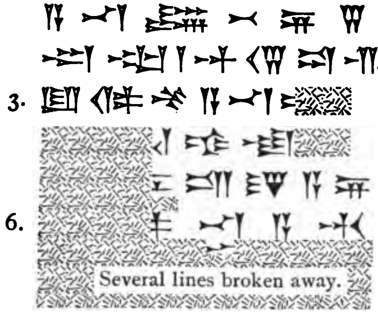
[163.] K. 1896.

Obverse.

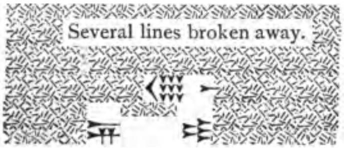
No Reverse.

[164.] K. 4703.

Obverse.



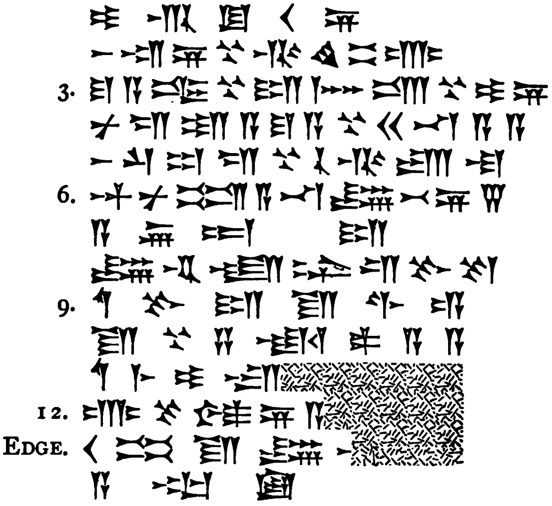
Reverse.



[165.] K. 497.

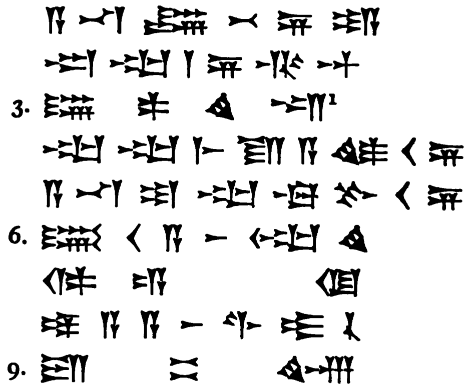
Obverse.

Reverse.

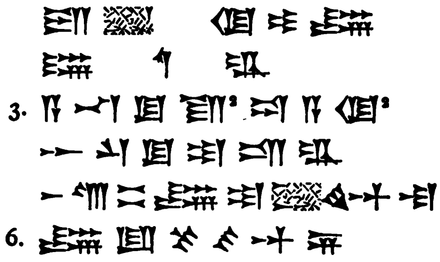


[166.] K. 505.

Obverse.



Reverse.



1 Intended for .

2 Erasure.

[167.] K. 582.

Obverse.

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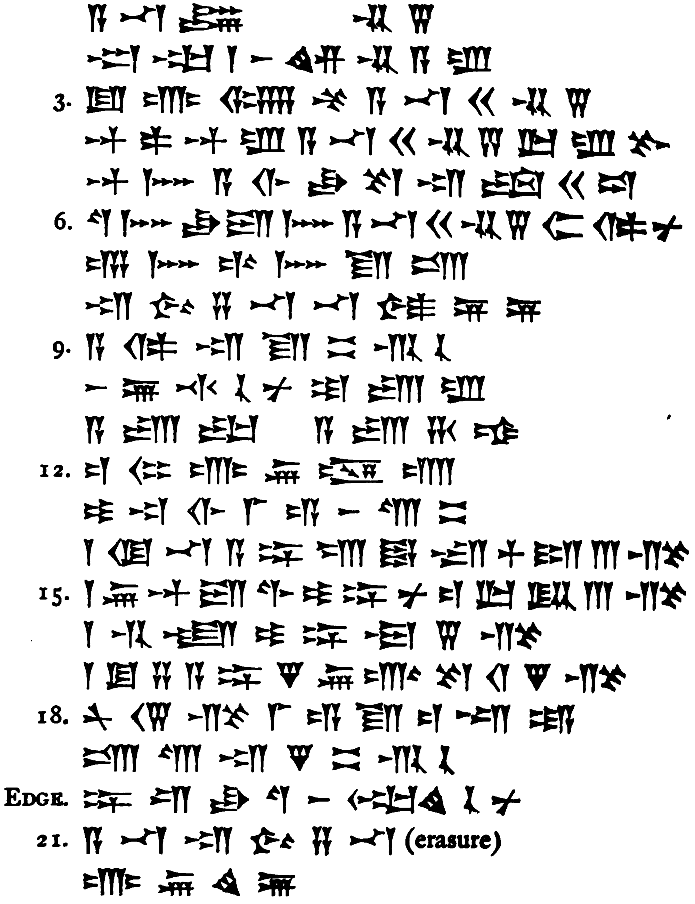
[cuneiform]
3. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
6. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
9. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
12. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
15. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
18. [cuneiform]
[cuneiform]
Edge. [cuneiform]
21. [cuneiform] (erasure)
[cuneiform]

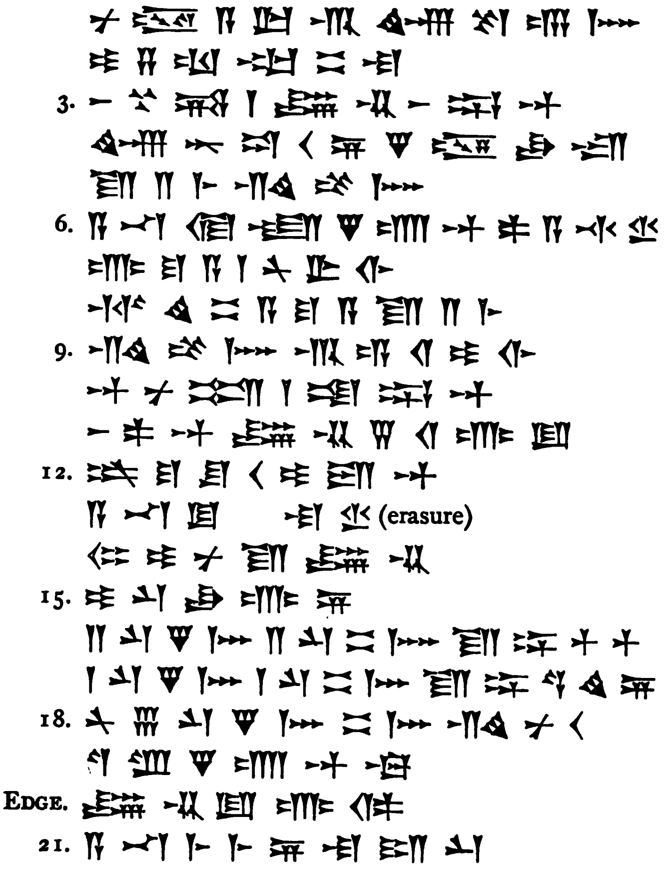
[167.] K. 582.

Obverse.



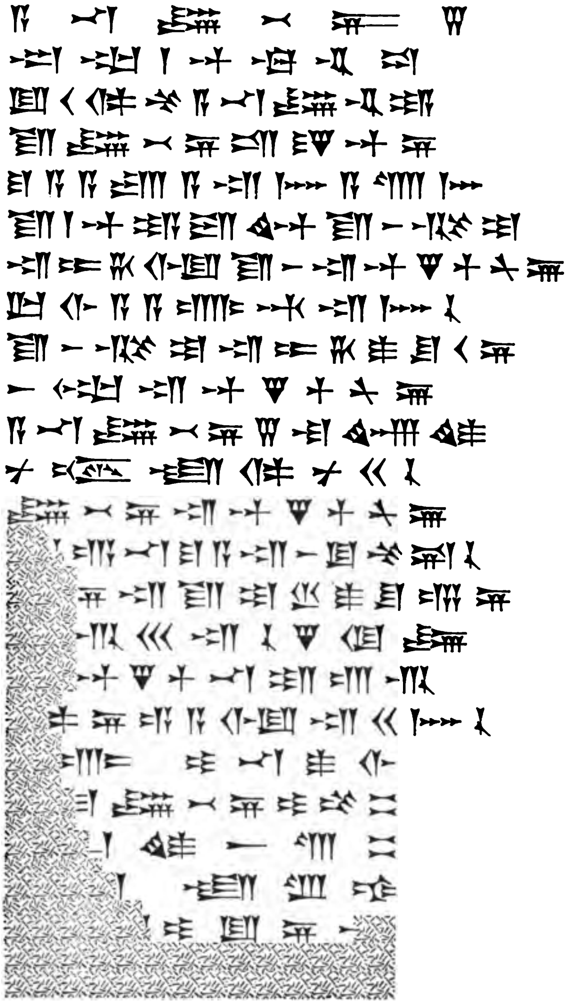
[167.] K. 582 (*continued*).

Reverse.



[168.] K. 63b.

Obverse.

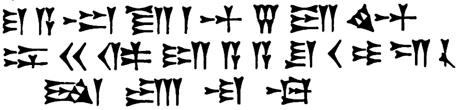


Edge.

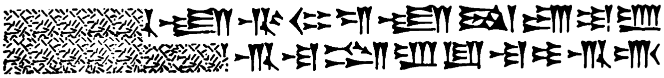
[168.] K. 63b (*continued*).

Reverse.

Edge.

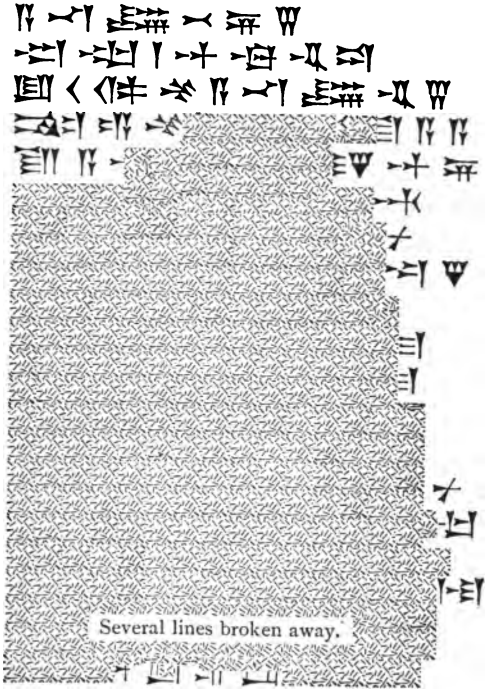


Left-hand Edge.



[170.] K. 1013.

OBVERSE.



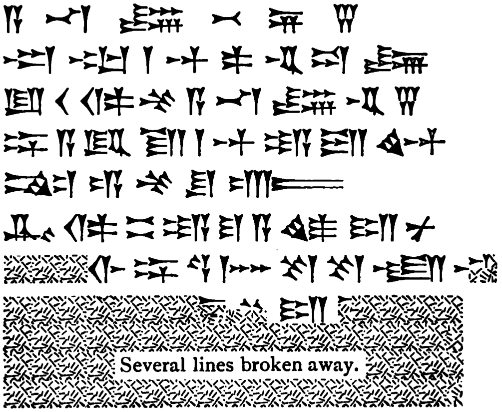
EDGE.

REVERSE.

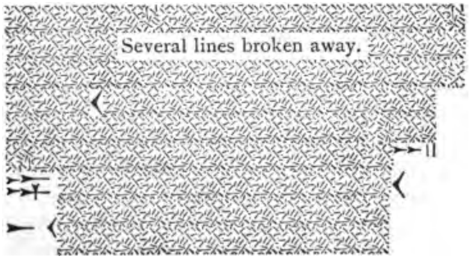
[170.] K. 1013 (*continued*).

[171.] K. 1047.

OBVERSE.

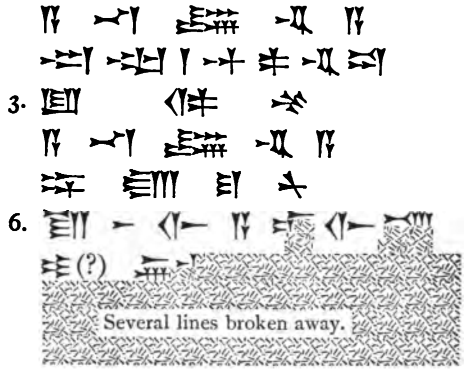


REVERSE.

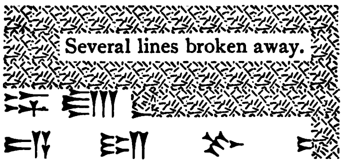


[172.] K. 1052.[1]

Obverse.



Reverse.



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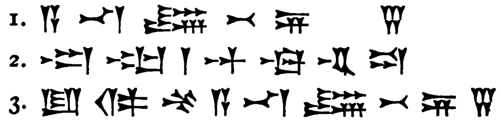
[1] *Cf.* also K. 1961:



There are remains of two more broken and rubbed lines on Obverse, and six on Reverse.

[173.] K. 686.

Obverse.

[cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
3. [cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
6. [cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text][1] [cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
9. [cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
12. [cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]

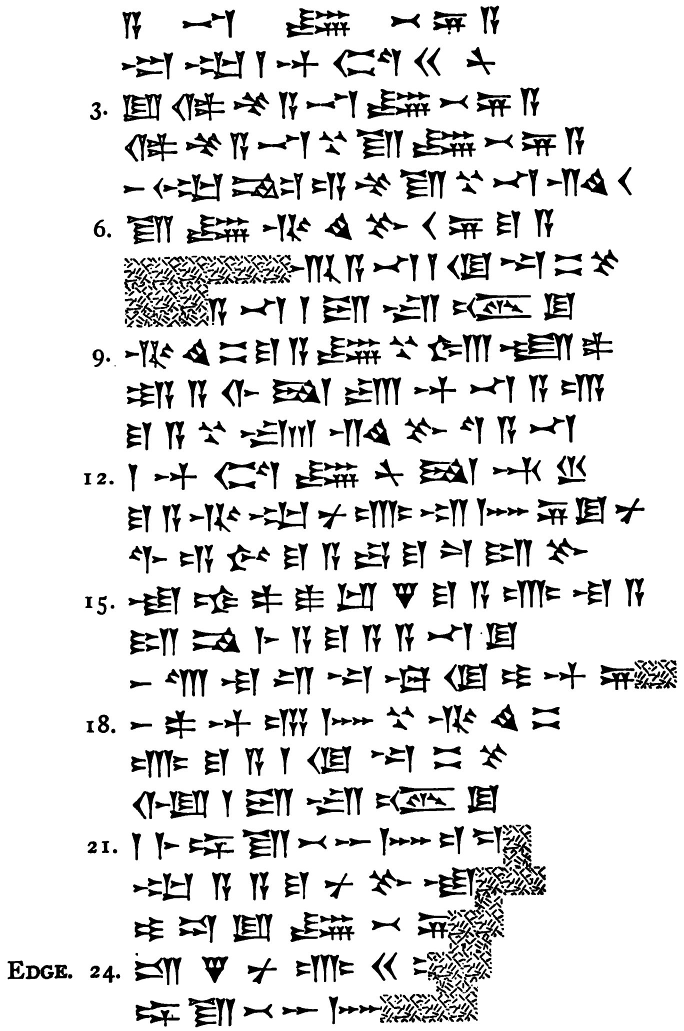
Reverse.

[cuneiform text]
[cuneiform text]

[1] Perhaps [cuneiform text].

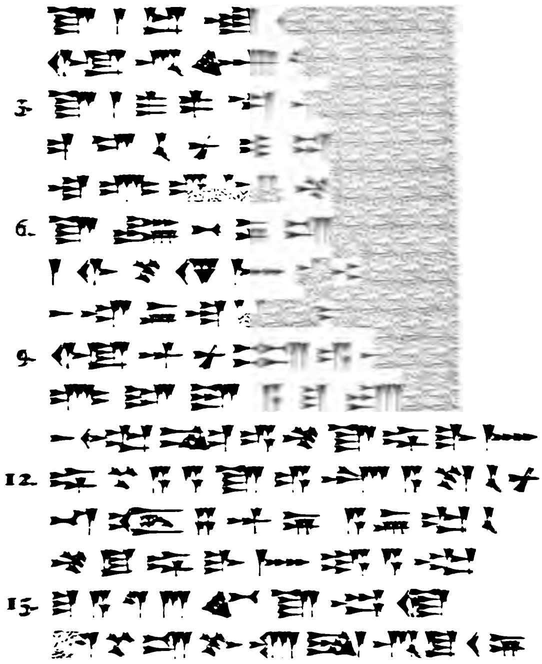
[174.] K. 619.

Obverse.



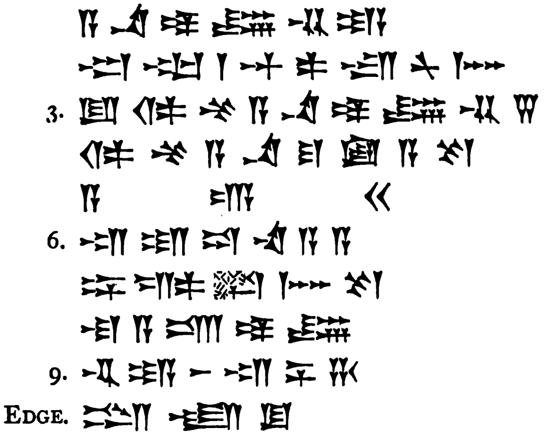
[174.] K. 619 (*continued*).

Reverse.



[175.] K. 614.

Obverse.



Reverse.

[176.] K. 553.

Obverse.

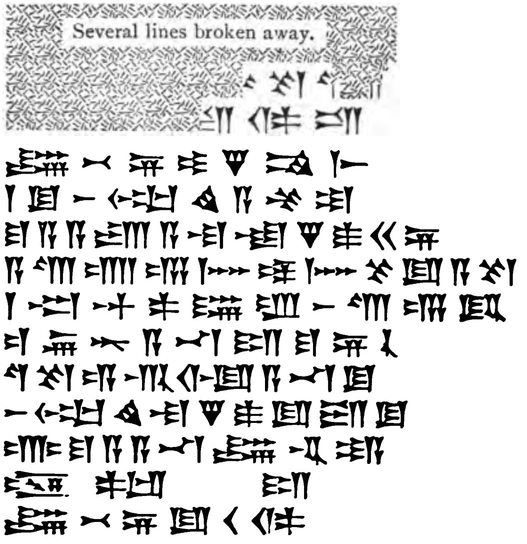
Reverse.

[1] This line is written over an erasure.

[177.] K. 575.

Obverse.

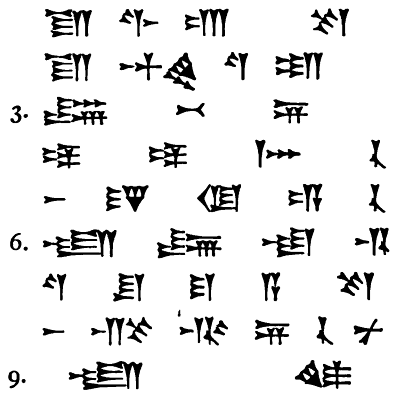
Reverse.



[178.] K. 482.

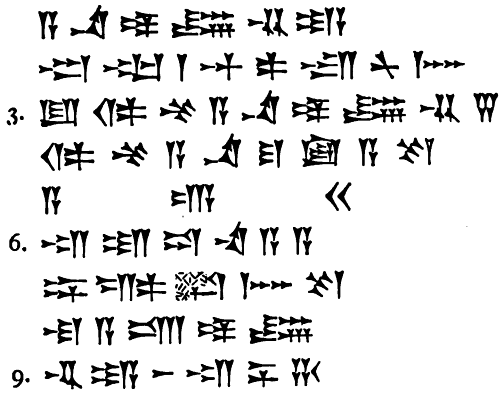
Obverse.

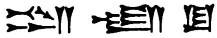
Reverse.



[175.] K. 614.

OBVERSE.

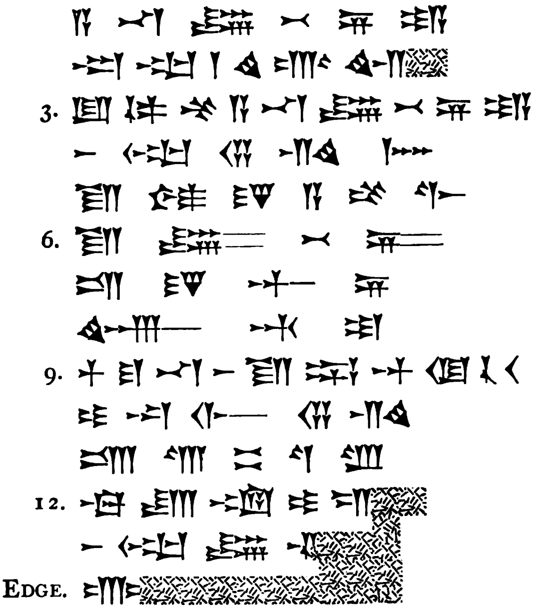


EDGE. 

REVERSE.

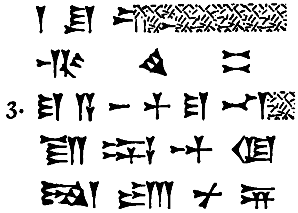
[180.] K. 573.

Obverse.



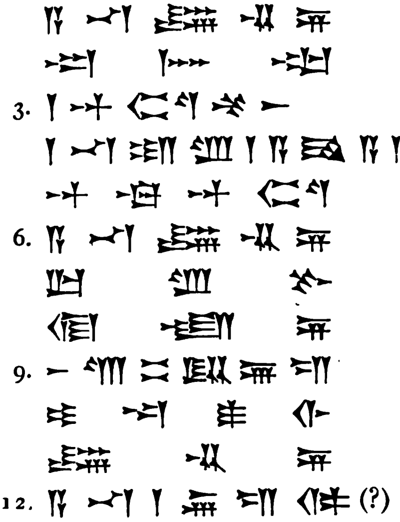
Edge.

Reverse.

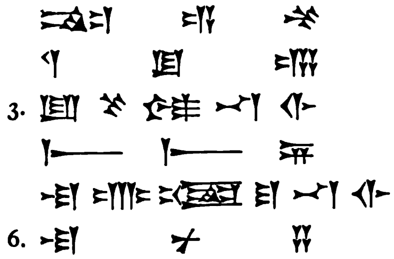


[181.] K. 89.

Obverse.

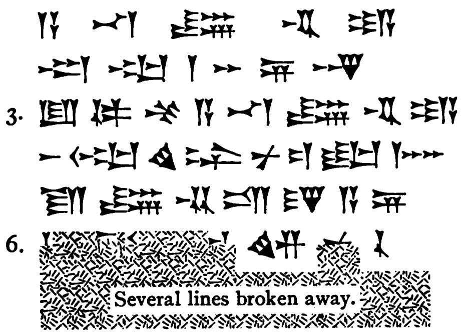


Reverse.

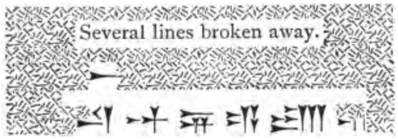


[182.] K. 1058.

Obverse.



Reverse.



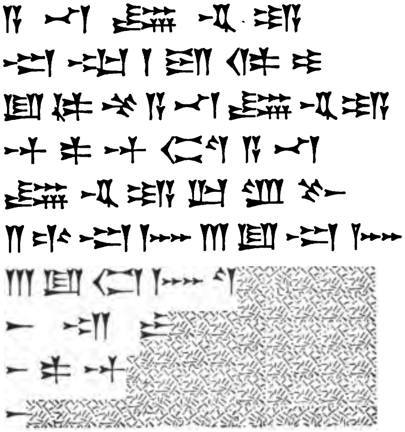
[183.] K. 113.

Obverse.

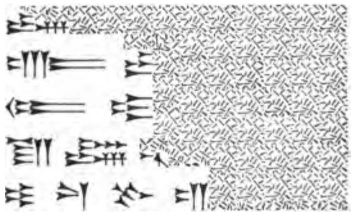
Reverse.

[184.] K. 606.

Obverse.

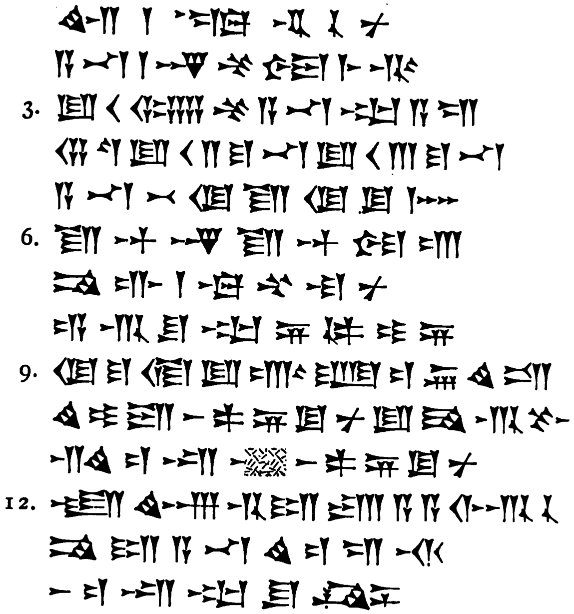


Reverse.



[185.] K. 1396.

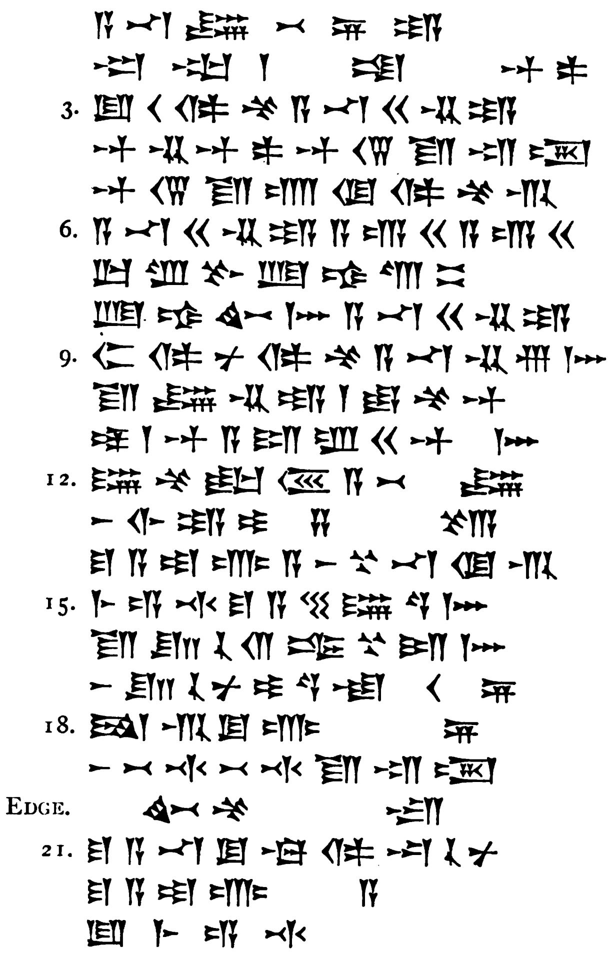
Obverse.



Reverse not inscribed.

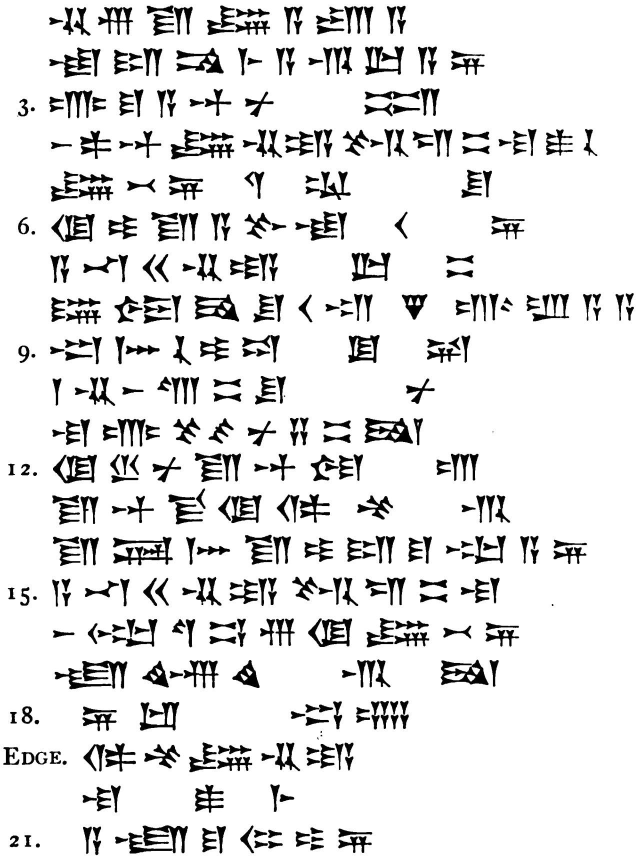
[186.] K. 11.

Obverse.



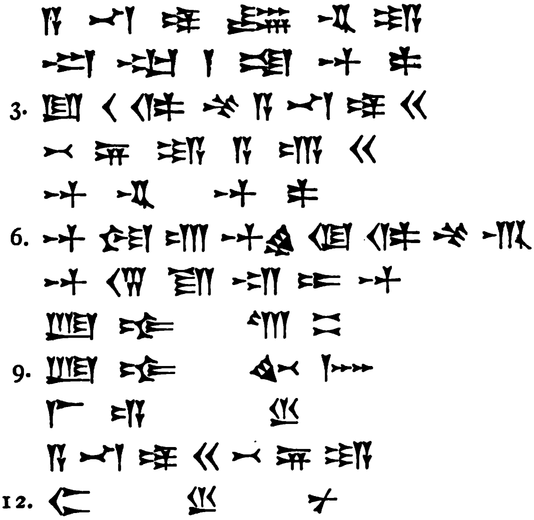
[186.] K. 11 (*continued*).

Reverse.

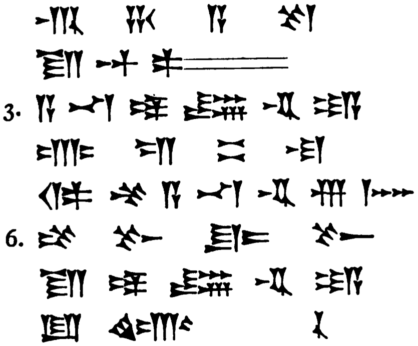


[187.] K. 589.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.



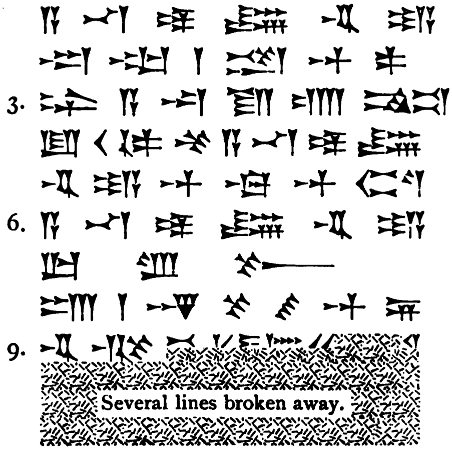
[188.] K. 1000.

OBVERSE.

NO REVERSE.

[189.] K. 1048.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE BROKEN AWAY.

[190.] K. 596.

Obverse.

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3. [illegible]
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6. [illegible]
[illegible]
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9. [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
15. [illegible]
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[illegible]
18. [illegible]
[illegible]
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21. [illegible]
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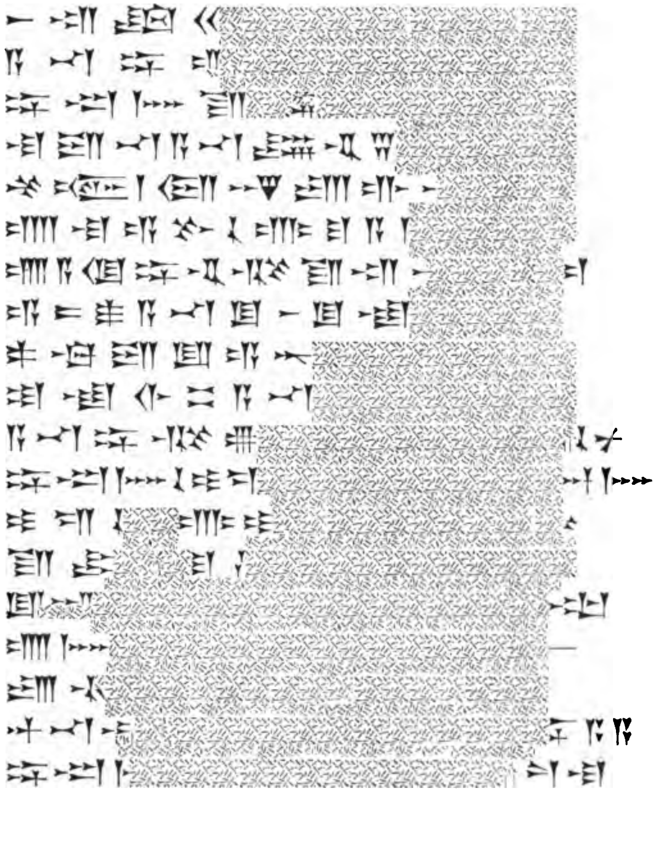
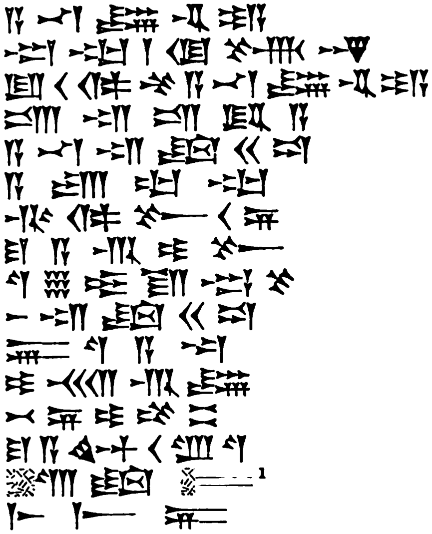
[190.] K. 596 (*continued*).

REVERSE.



[191.] K. 623.

Obverse.



3. 6. 9. 12. Edge. 15.

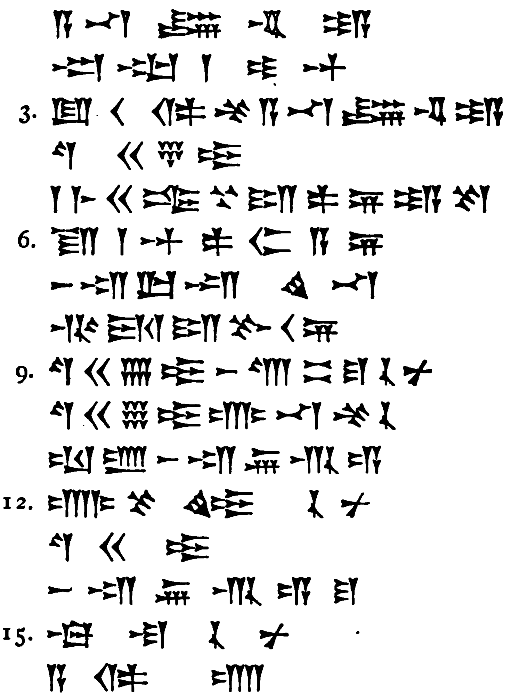
Reverse.

3. 6. 9. 12.

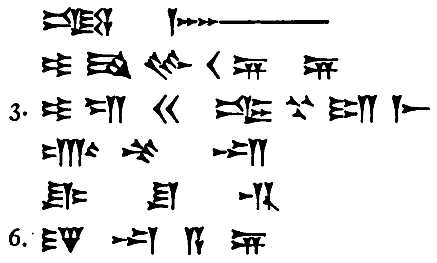
[1] Perhaps an erasure.

[192.] K. 146.

Obverse.

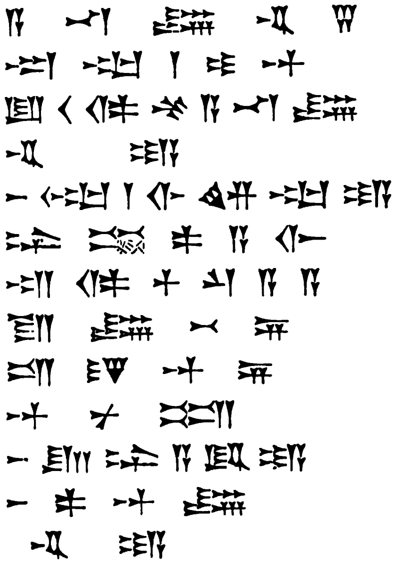


Reverse.



[193.] K. 542.

Obverse.

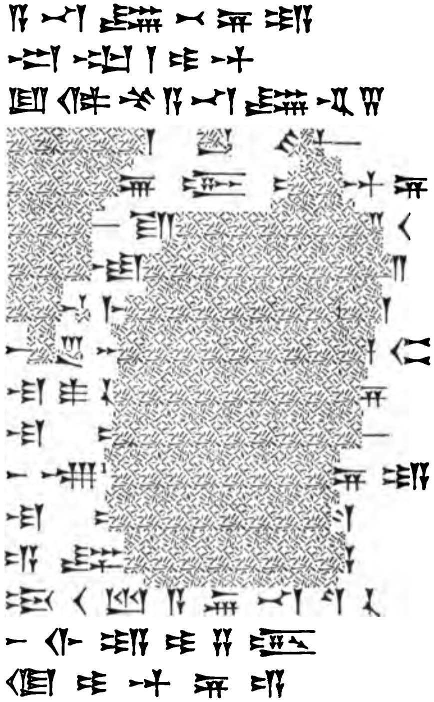


3. 6. 9. 12. Edge.

Reverse.

[194.] K. 665.

Obverse.



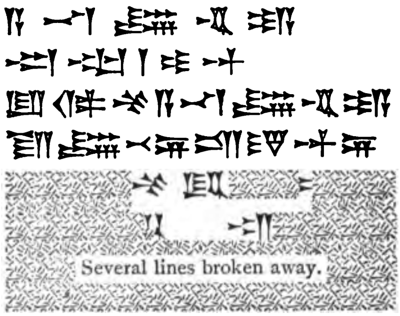
Reverse.

[1] Written over an erasure.

[194.] K. 665 (*continued*).

[195.] K. 7493.

Obverse.



No Reverse.

[196.] K. 125.

Obverse.

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[illegible][1]
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9. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
12. [illegible]
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[illegible]
15. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
18. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
21. [illegible]
Edge. [illegible]
[illegible]
24. [illegible]

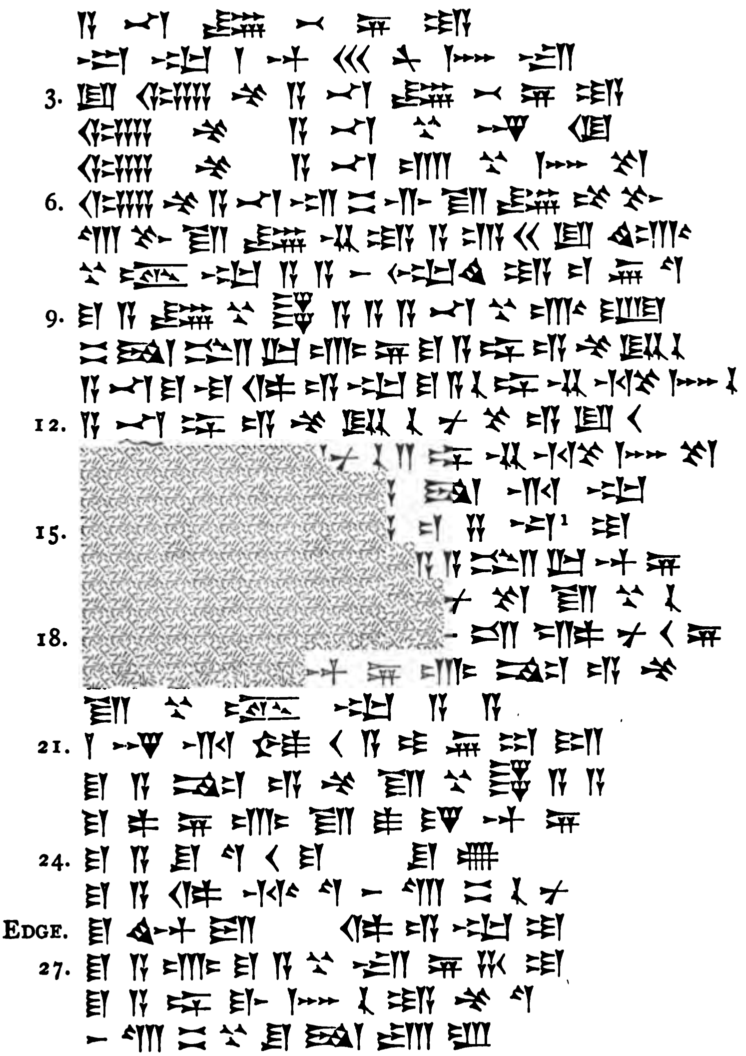
Reverse.

[illegible] (?) [illegible]
[illegible]
3. [illegible]

[1] [illegible] written over [illegible].

[197.] K. 181.

Obverse.



[1] Written over an erasure.

[197.] K. 181 (*continued*).

Reverse.

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9. [illegible]
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[illegible]
12. [illegible]
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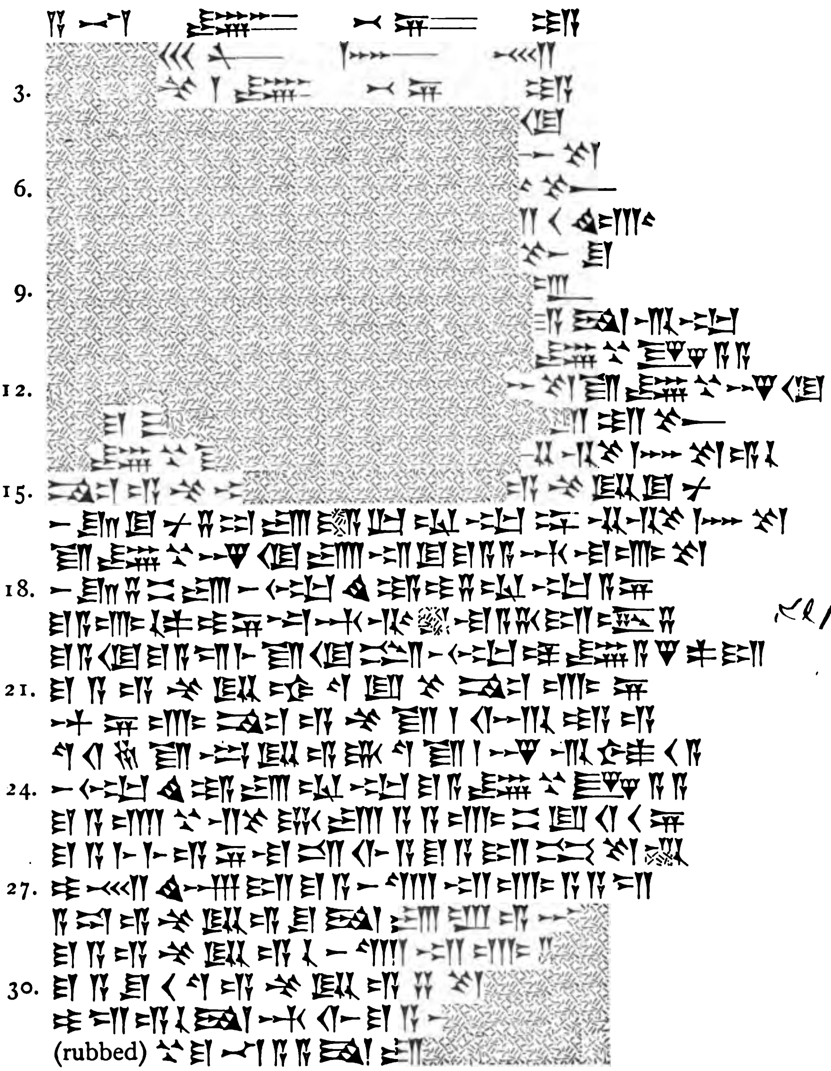
[illegible]
15. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
18. [illegible] (erasure) [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
21. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
24. [illegible]
[illegible]
Edge. [illegible]
27. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

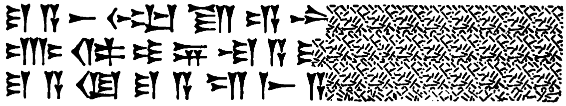
[198.] K. 5464.

OBVERSE.



[198.] K. 5464 (*continued*).

Edge.



Reverse.

[199.] K. 7434.

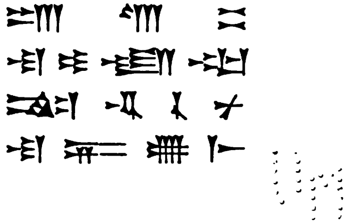
Obverse.

Reverse broken away.

[200.] K. 488.

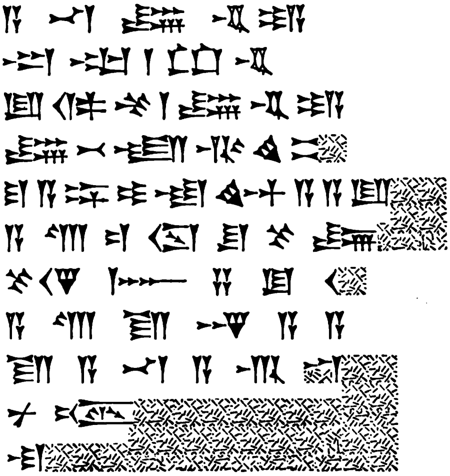
Obverse.

Reverse.



[201.] K. 690.

Obverse.



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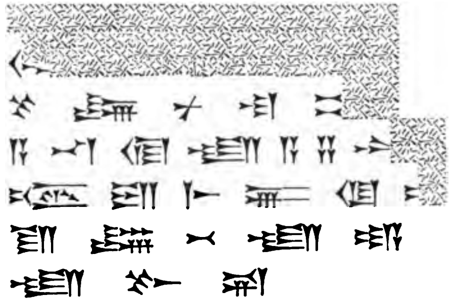
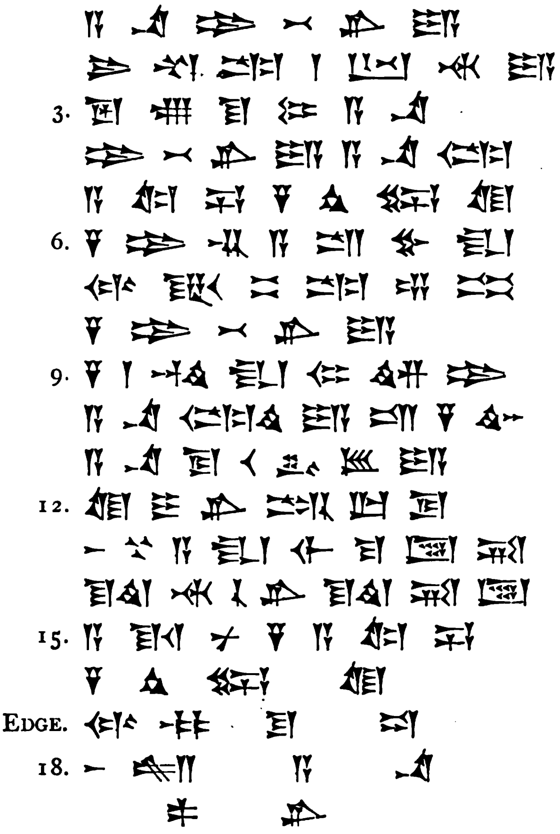


[202.] K. 83.

Obverse.



[202.] K. 83 (*continued*).

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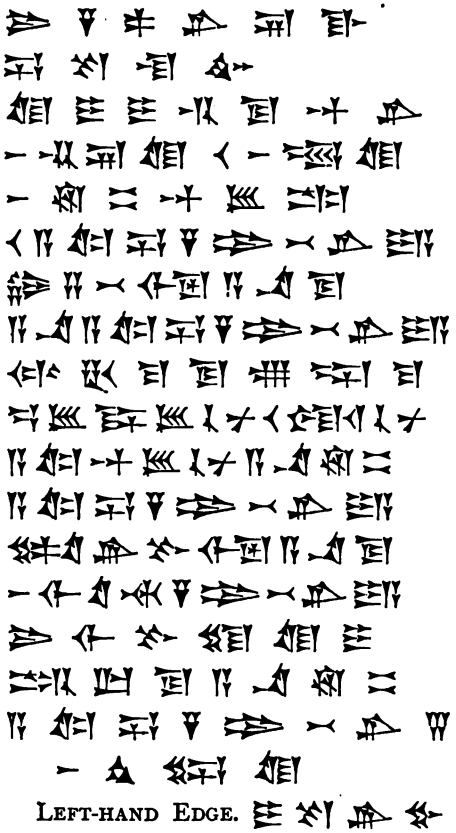
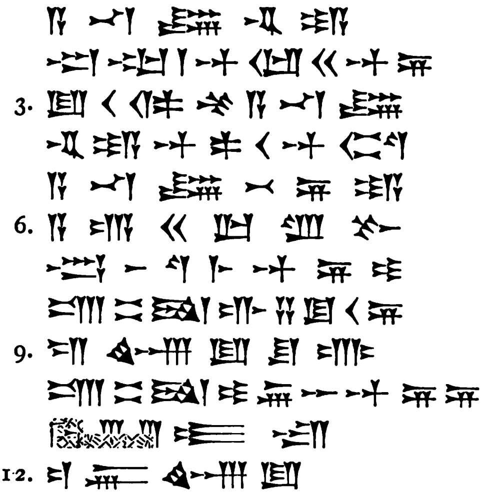


Edge.

Left-hand Edge.

[203.] K. 577.

Obverse.



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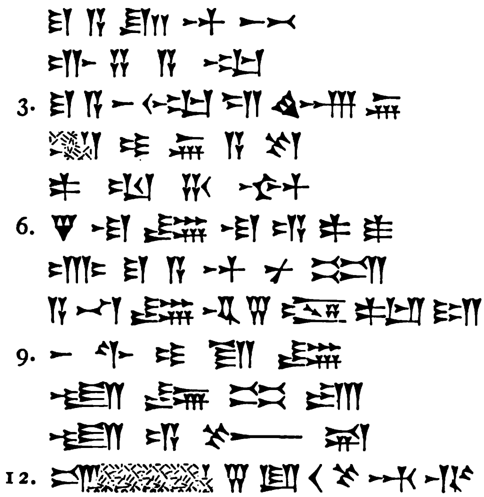
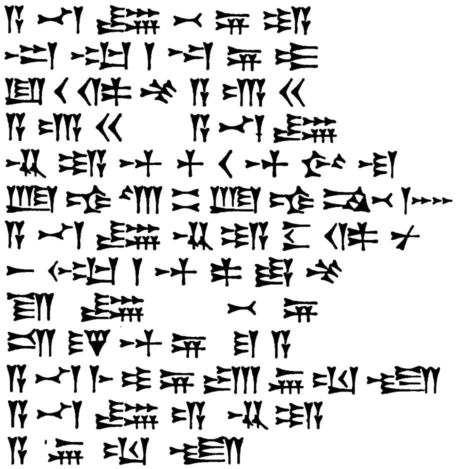


[204.] K. 512.

Obverse.



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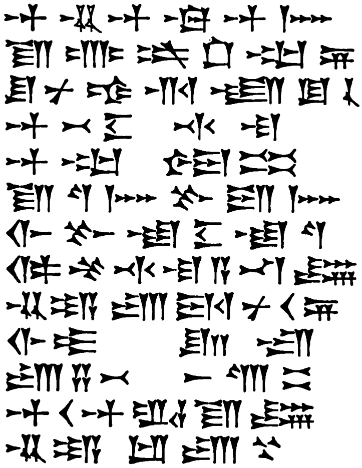

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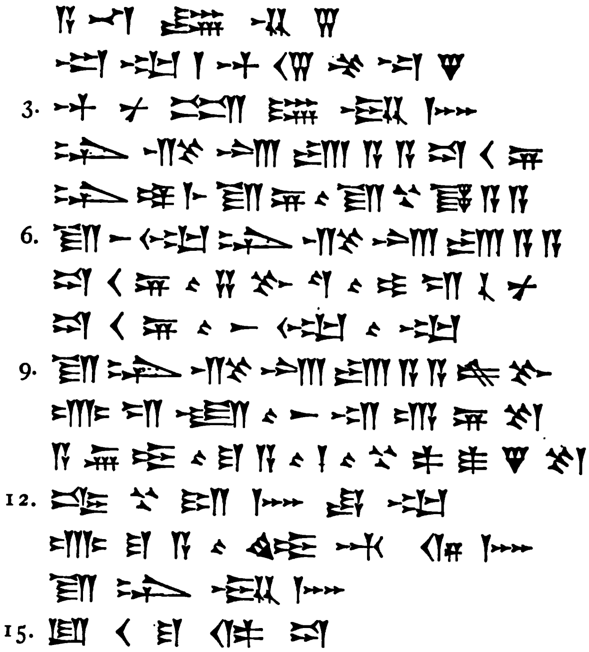
Obverse.



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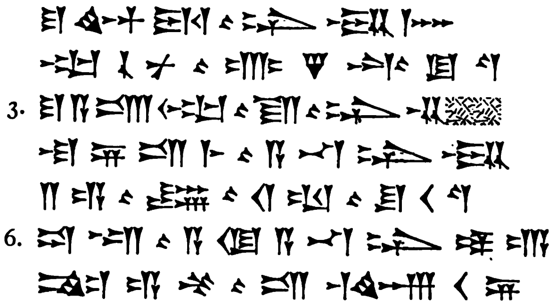

[206.] K. 539.

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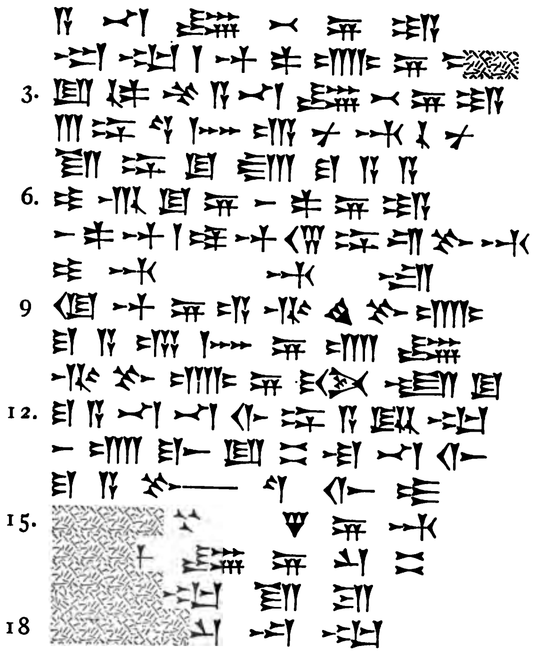

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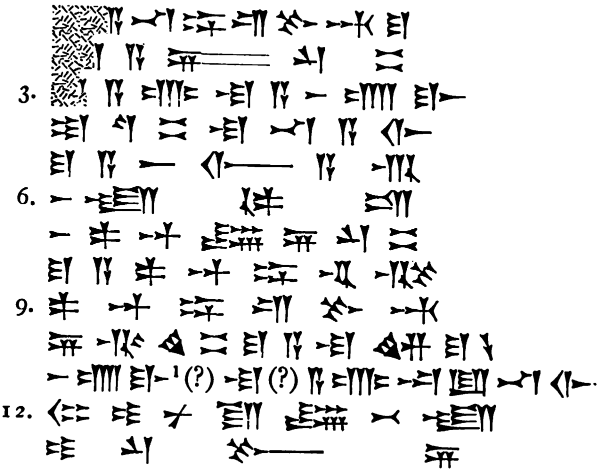
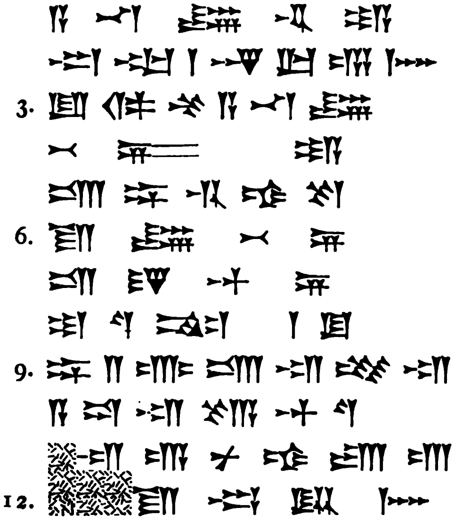


[1] Written over an erasure.

[207.] K. 541.

Obverse.



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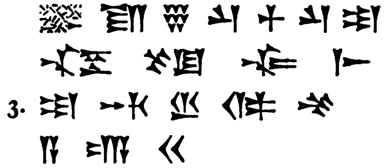

[208.] K. 617.

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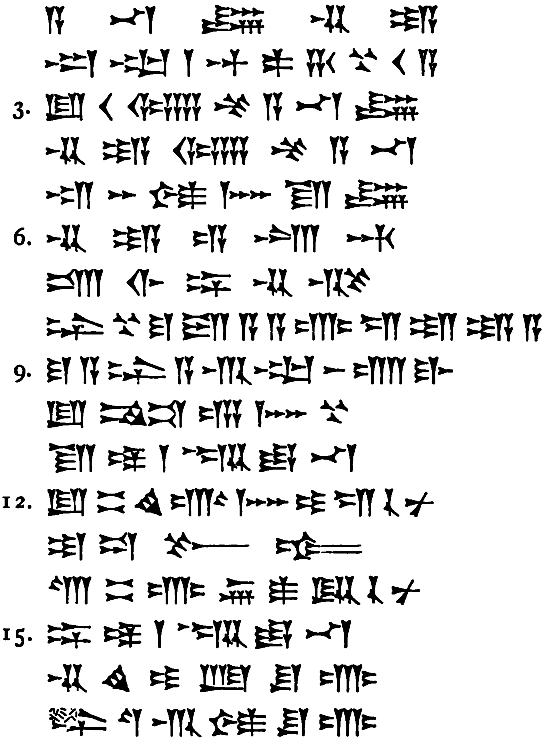

[208.] K. 617 (*continued*).

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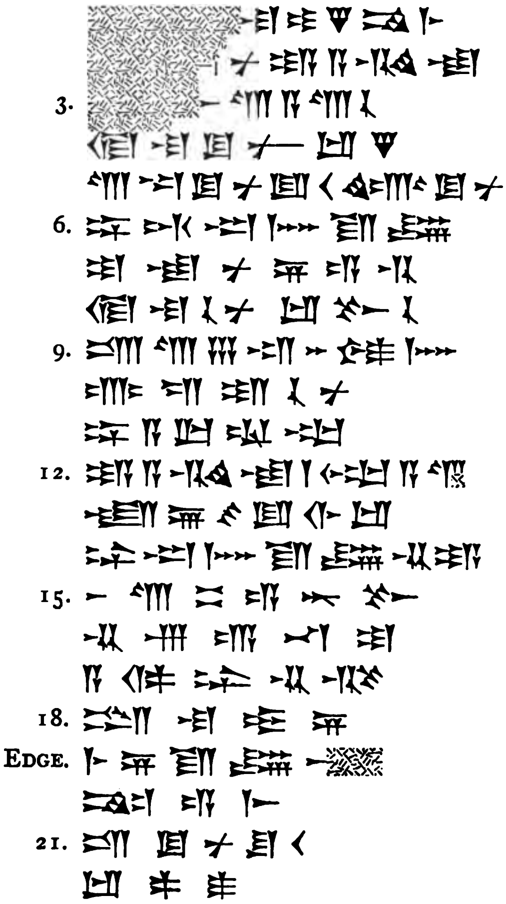

[209.] K. 636.

Obverse.

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Reverse.

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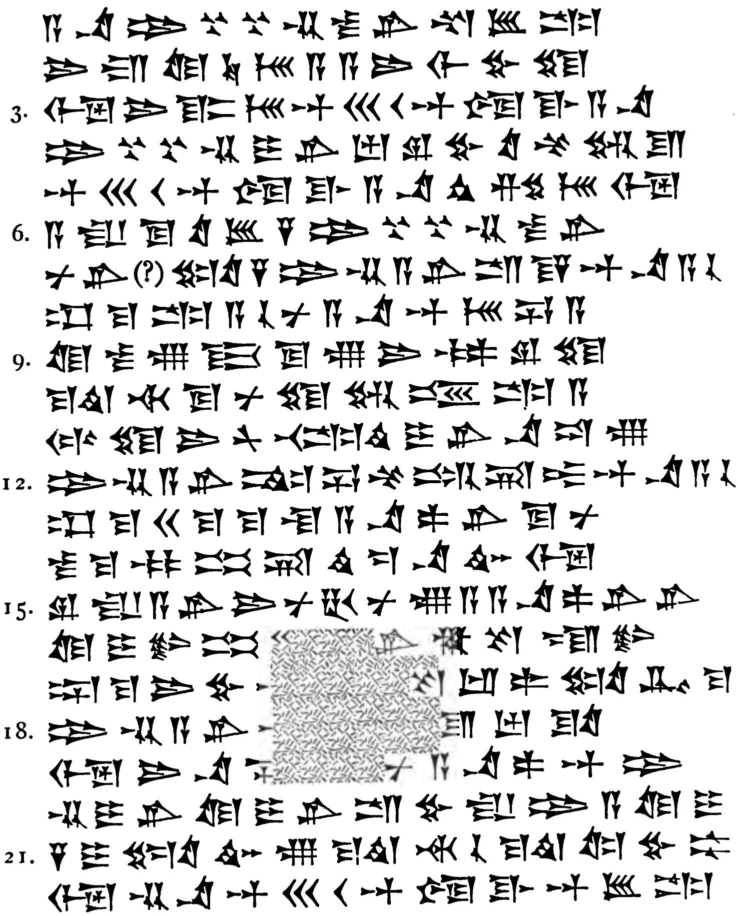
[210.] K. 647.

Obverse.



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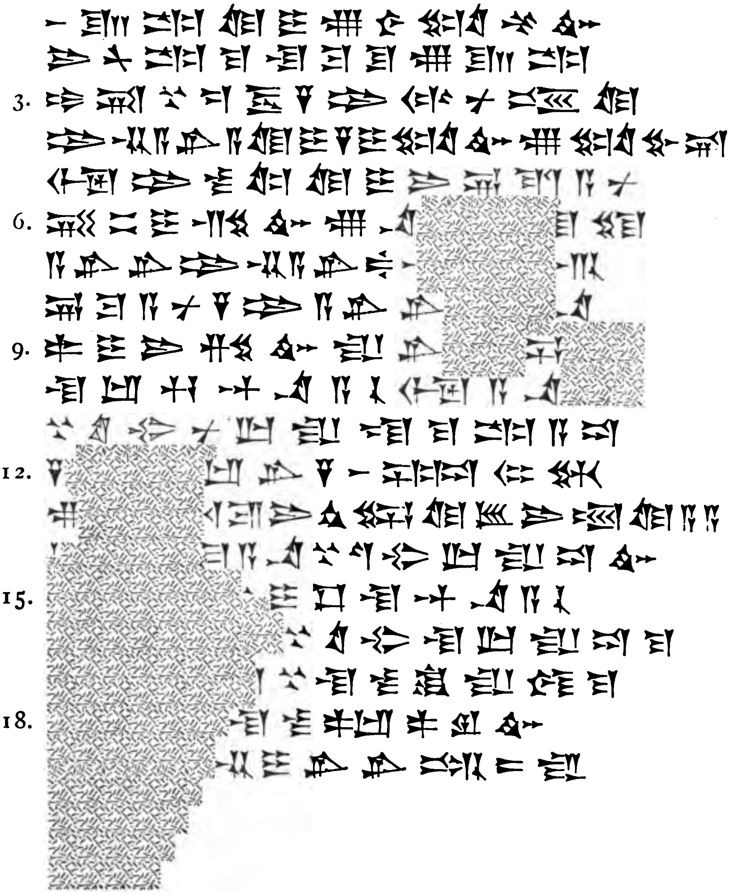
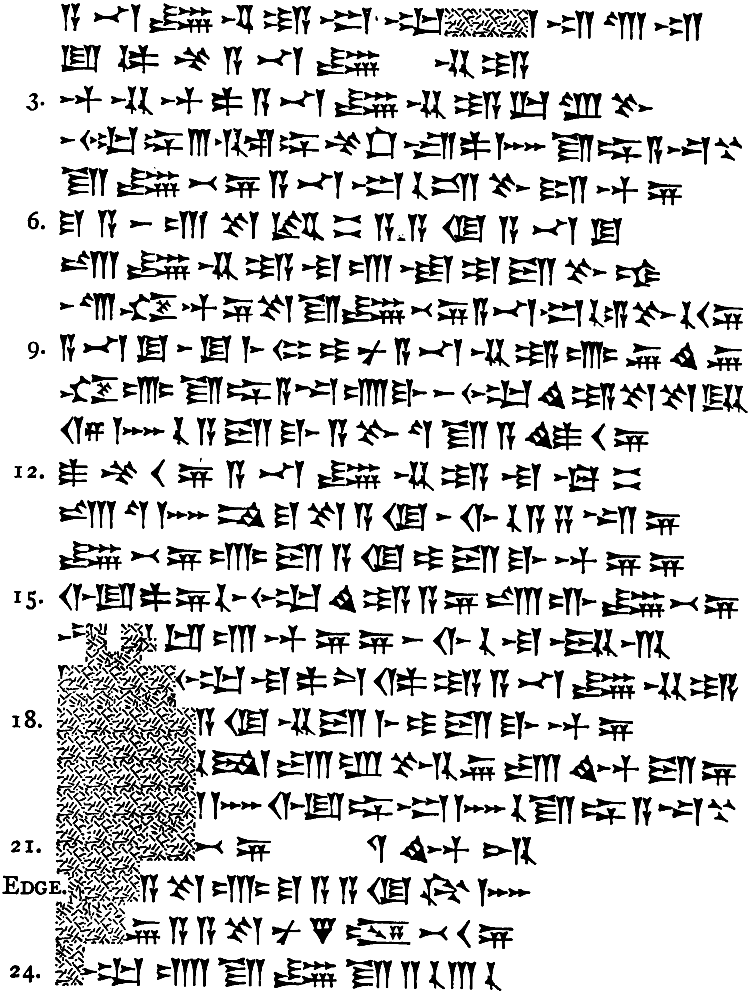


[211.] K. 662.

Obverse.



[211.] K. 662 (*continued*).

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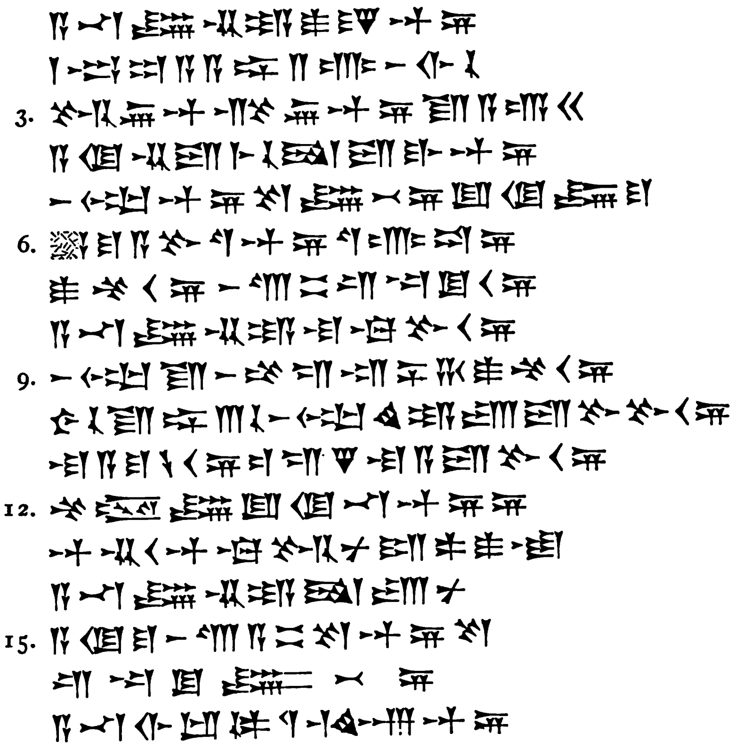
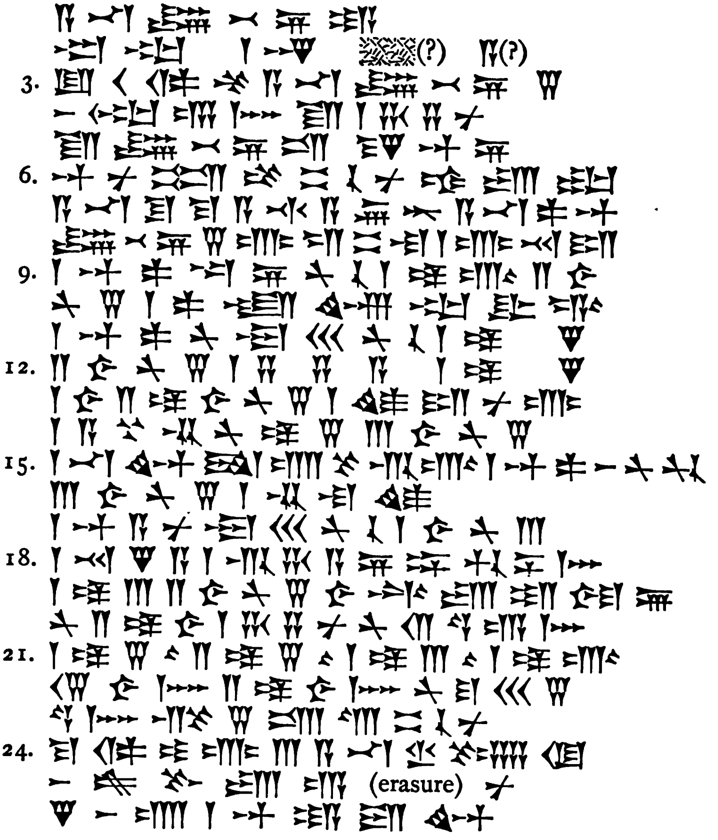


[212.] K. 679.

Obverse.



Reverse.

[213.] K. 682.

OBVERSE.

3.
6.
9.
12.
EDGE.

REVERSE.

The rest of Reverse is vitrified and broken away.

[214.] K. 831.

Obverse.

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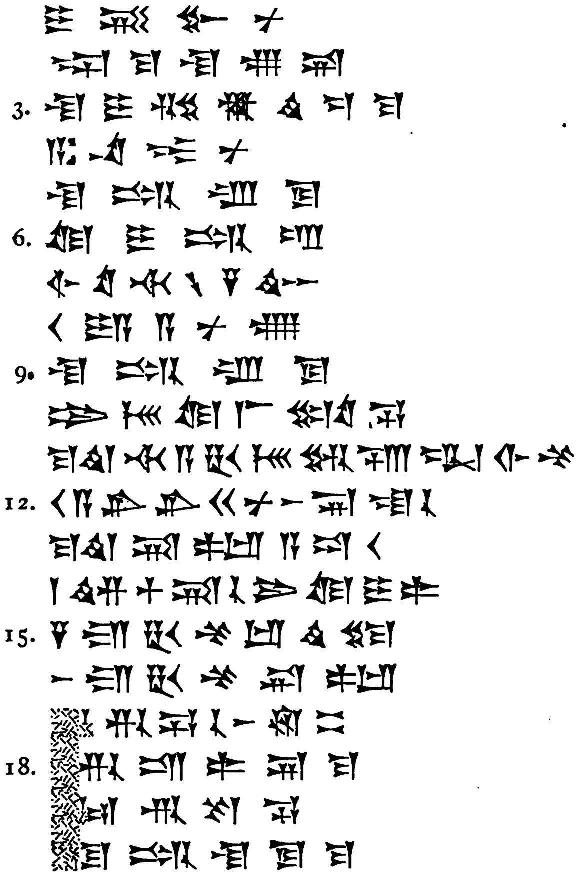
[214.] K. 831 (*continued*).

Reverse.



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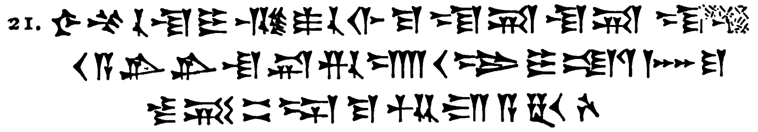
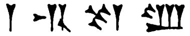
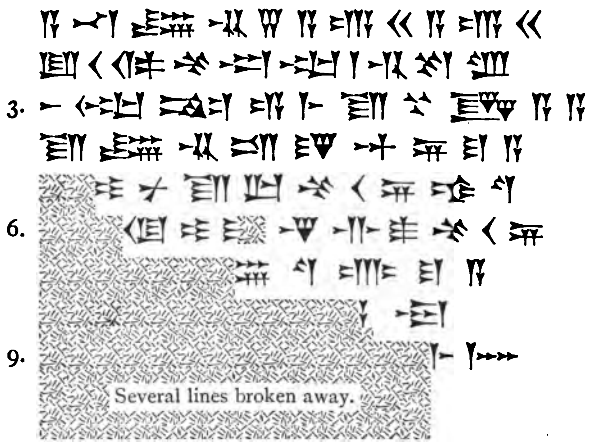




[215.] K. 1037.

Obverse.



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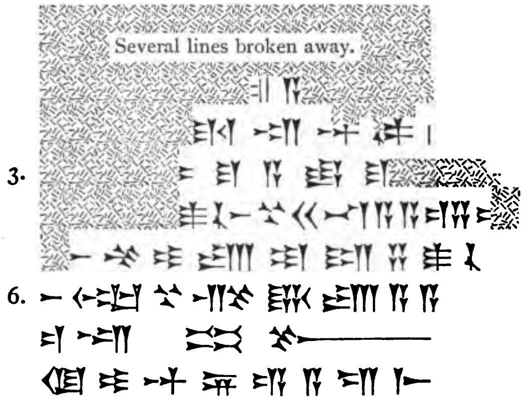


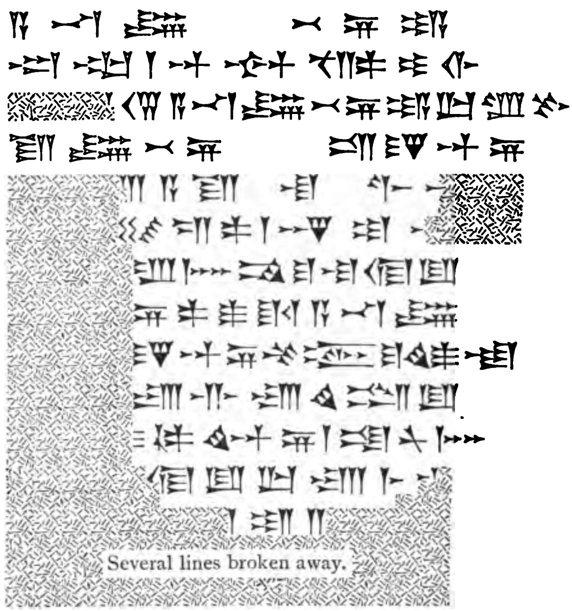
[216.] K. 1062.

Obverse.

Reverse.

[217.] K. 1187.[1]

Obverse.



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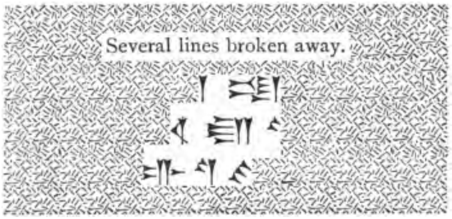

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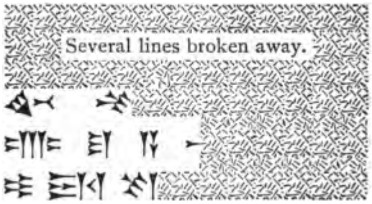
[218.] K. 1199.

Obverse.

Reverse.



[219.] K. 1239.

Obverse.

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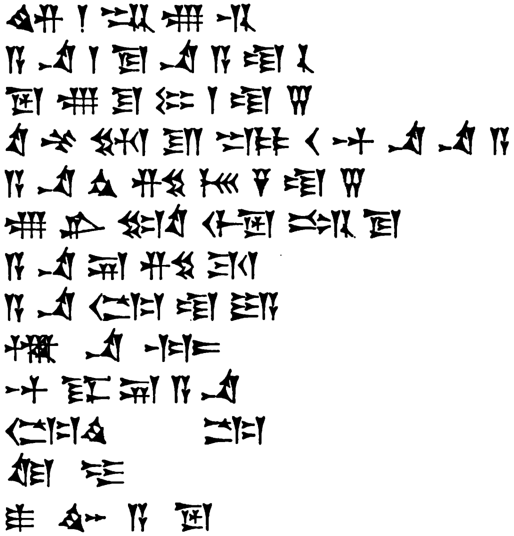
Edge. 12.



Reverse.

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6.

[220.] K. 1274.

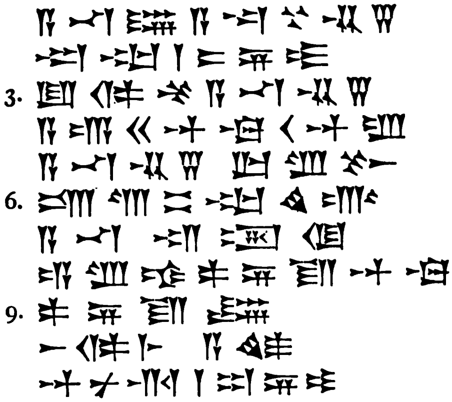
Obverse.

Reverse.

[1] This sign is filled with silica.

[221.] K. 175.

Obverse.



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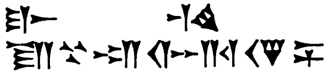

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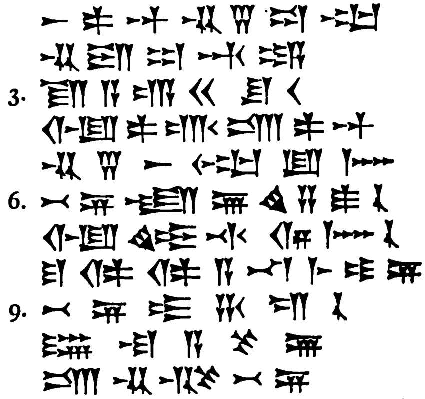
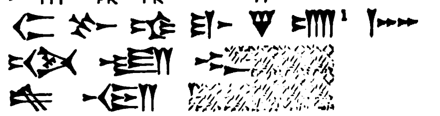


Edge. 12.



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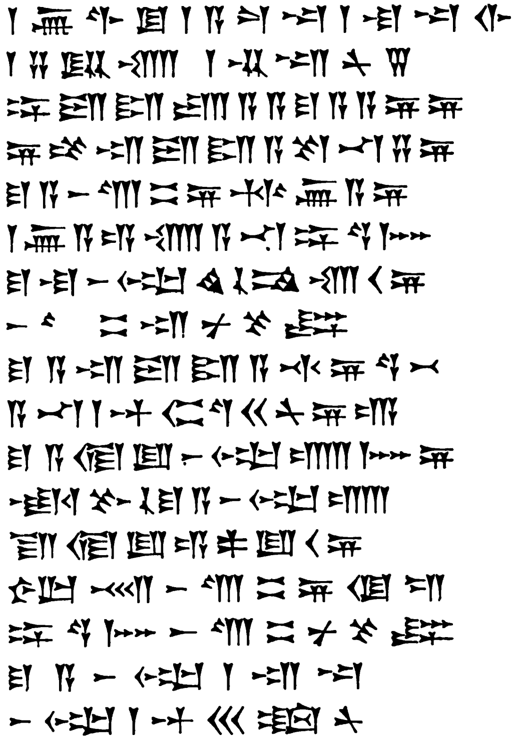
[1] Perhaps .

[222.] K. 186.

Obverse.



Edge.

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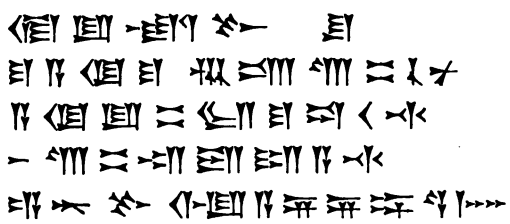
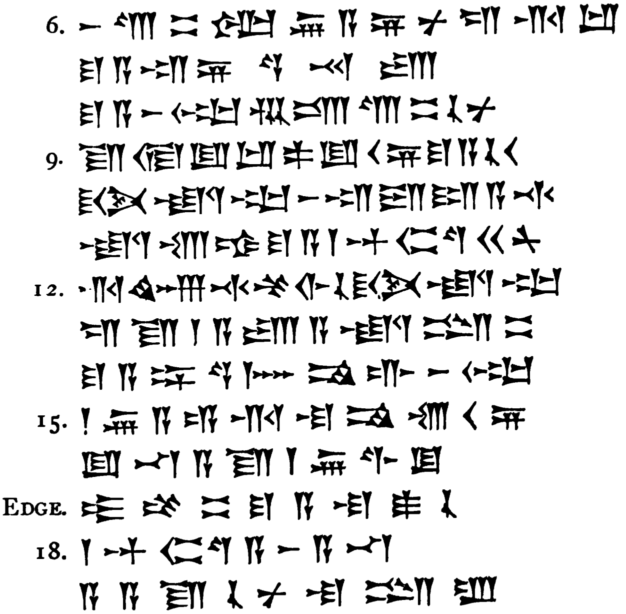


[222.] K. 186 (*continued*).



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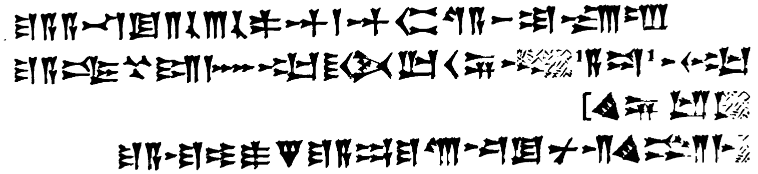
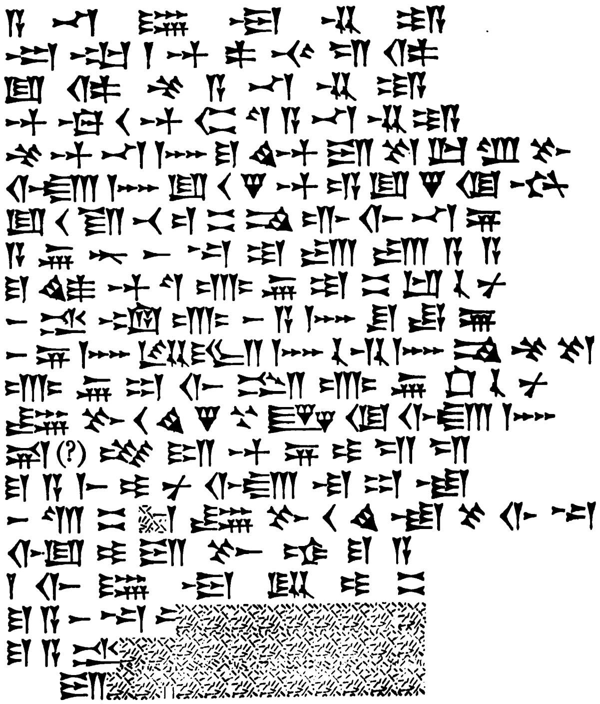


[1] Erasure.

[223.] K. 112.

Obverse.



Edge.

Reverse.

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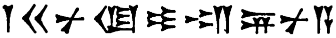	126	K. 609	118
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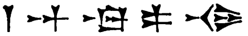	130	K. 624	124
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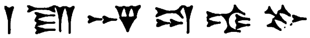	139	K. 1067	134
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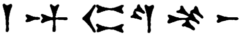	181	K. 89	177
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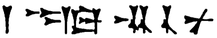
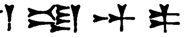
	185	K. 1396	181
	186	K. 11	182, 183
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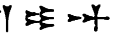	192	K. 146	189
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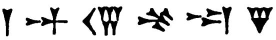	205	K. 537	205
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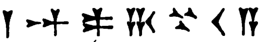
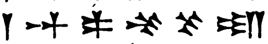
	208	K. 617	208, 209
	209	K. 636	210
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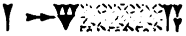
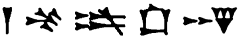
 (?)	212	K. 679	215
	213	K. 682	216
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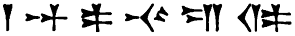	223	K. 112	228